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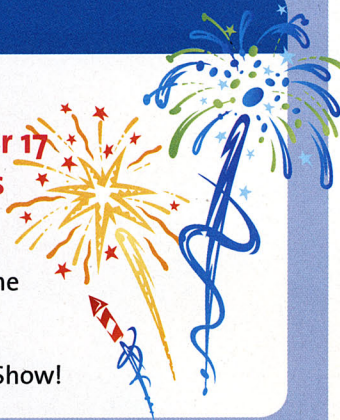


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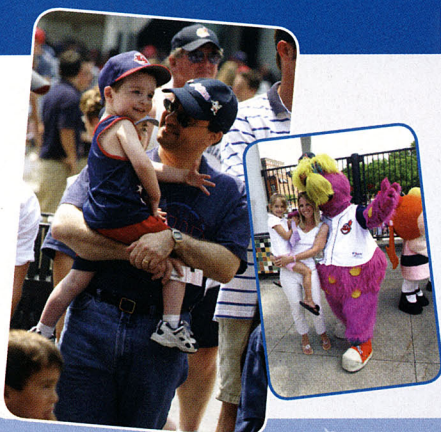


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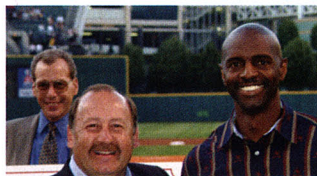
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On behalf of the Cleveland Indians Wives Association and Providence House Inc., I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank each and every one of our devoted fans for your incredible support of this year's fund-raiser! The Mystery Ball Fund-raiser was an amazing success and we couldn't have made that possible without you. Thanks to your

kindness and generosity, we are able to donate more than \$15,000 to the babies of Providence House Inc. The children of Providence House will forever be grateful for the

opportunities and love these funds will make possible. I am so excited to announce that we are already in the process of making plans for the 2006 Mystery Ball event! We are also working on making some modifications, one of which includes a limit to the number of baseballs each person can purchase. With this change, more fans will have an opportunity to purchase baseballs before they run out. We could have never imagined that we would sell out in only 14 minutes! Next year, be sure to get your baseball early. Thanks again. We truly appreciate your support.

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## A Growing Indians Family

This season has certainly been one of growth, both on and off the field. We were thrilled to welcome three new beautiful faces to the Indians family! The Boone, Broussard, and Crisp families all welcomed beautiful babies into the world this season! We are also looking forward to welcoming more babies this fall: Baby Sabathia, Baby Westbrook and Baby Riske! It has been so much fun to watch as our friends and "family" continues to grow right before us! A big congratulations to all!

## A Look at 2005

Looking back on a summer filled with exciting news, new faces, heartwarming events and exciting baseball, I know this is a season I will never forget! For many reasons this is a year that will remain close to my heart, but mostly for the love and caring that players and wives have shown to our community. A thank you to our players, wives and the terrific support from the Cleveland Indians organization to make all of our events possible! We are looking forward to another great season in 2006!

*Kate Wedge*



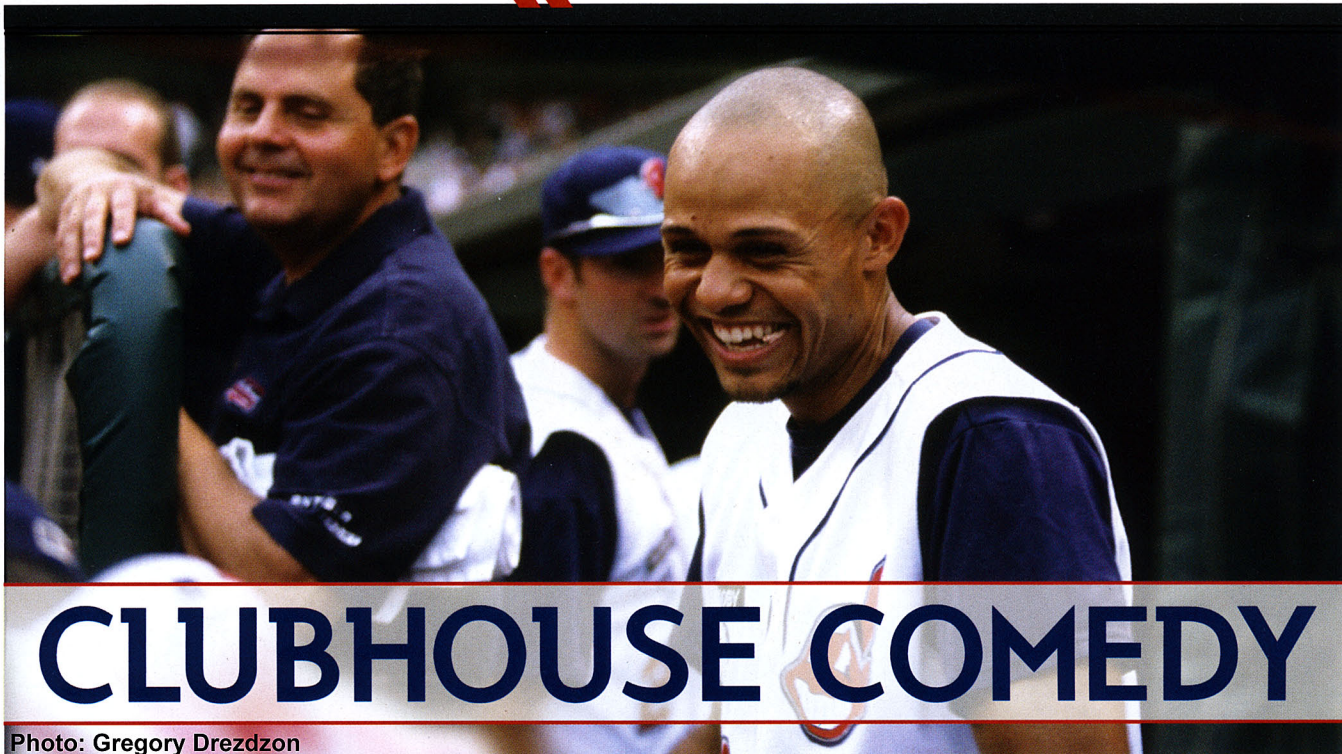


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# CLUBHOUSE COMEDY

**B**ASEBALL IS FILLED WITH rituals. There's batting practice, taking ground balls and enduring long road trips.

And then there is the practical joke, a common practice on every team in every league across America.

Over the course of a season, practical jokes are a good way to break the tension and keep players loose.

Earlier this season, Indians catcher Josh Bard took out his frustration at the plate on an exit sign behind the Indians' dugout by slamming his batting helmet into it and breaking it.

That's when pitchers Scott Elarton and Kevin Millwood sprang into action. They took the sign and placed it on the chair in front of Bard's locker, along with a fake invoice.

"We wrote it out like it was from the head of Ballpark Operations and that he owed something like \$350 for breaking the sign," says Elarton.

Bard, thinking the invoice was legitimate, wrote a check.

"He wasn't too happy about it," says Elarton.

Elarton and Millwood took the joke a step further the next day. By Bard's locker, they placed the sign, Xeroxed copies of the invoice, Bard's check, and a note signed "Love, your teammates,

Scott Elarton and Kevin Millwood."

It was at that point Bard knew he had been had.

"He fell for it," Elarton laughs.

## *And That's Not All ...*

Elarton and Millwood aren't the only devious minds at Jacobs Field. Here is a sampling of other Indians jokes:

### **TV Star (not quite)**

When the Indians were in Anaheim, Coco Crisp came up with a good one. With the help of his brother, who works in television, Crisp told Travis Hafner that the Indians' DH was going to be a guest on the cable program "Da Ali G Show." The show features mock interviews with real figures in politics, business, the arts and sports.

"He thought he was going to be on," says Crisp. "We even made out a bunch of fake questions for him."

At the last minute, Hafner discovered he'd been duped and his television debut would have to wait.

### **Welcome home**

Cy Buynak has worked for the Indians for 44 years. From 1961 to 1993, he was the home clubhouse manager. Buynak has been the visiting clubhouse manager since Jacobs Field opened in 1994.

Over the years, Buynak has forged a close relationship with many people, including Buddy Bell and Mike Hargrove. Bell began the season as the Indians' bench coach, but left to take the Kansas City manager's job in May. When Bell returned with the Royals in July, he found his uniform tied up in knots, courtesy of Buynak.

"He did the same thing to me the first time I came back with the Orioles," says Hargrove, who managed the Indians from 1991-1999 before taking the job in Baltimore. "That's an old Cy trick."

### **Bubble up**

The practical joke best remembered by fans came in the mid-1990s. Bench players Alvaro Espinoza and Wayne Kirby would blow up their bubble gum and place the bubble on the caps of unsuspecting teammates. While no player ever went on the field with gum on his hat, a batboy did on occasion. Cameras would often catch a player in the dugout with a bubble on his cap while teammates around him tried not to laugh.

The craze became so popular that fans came to the ballpark with plastic bubbles on their caps.

—Steve Herrick



# HOW TO: PLAY THE UTILITY POSITION

With Jose Hernandez

**J**OSE HERNANDEZ IS completing his 13th Major League season. In that time the 36-year-old utility man has seen just about everything there is to see in baseball.

Not only has Hernandez played for eight organizations (Texas, Cleveland, the Chicago Cubs, Atlanta, Milwaukee, Pittsburgh, Colorado, and the Los Angeles Dodgers), he has played almost every position.

Originally a shortstop, Hernandez has played every infield position, all three outfield spots and has even seen time behind the plate. The only thing Hernandez hasn't done is pitch.

Players with this kind of versatility are valuable.

"Being able to play so many positions has helped my career," he says.

Through the first four months of the season, Hernandez had been used at first base, third base, left field and right field. Such versatility does not come without hard work and a lot of time spent preparing.

**The preparation:** "Before we go out for batting practice and fielding practice, I'll check the lineup card and see where I'm playing," says Hernandez. "If it's one of the infield spots, I'll take some grounders and throws there.

If it's one of the outfield spots, I'll take some fly balls. I might take a few extra fly balls since I haven't played out there a lot."

**The gloves:** Hernandez has three "game gloves." He also uses a spare glove for fielding practice. "I never use any of my game gloves in fielding practice," he says. "I have one glove for that and I'll use it no matter where I'm playing."

For games, Hernandez uses separate gloves for first base, third base and the outfield.

**First base:** Hernandez likes to use a large glove so he can catch the throws made to him by the other infielders. "It's kind of like the gloves catchers use to catch knuckleball pitchers," he says. "I feel comfortable with that glove."

**Third base:** "It's smaller than the other gloves," says Hernandez. "I like that because you need to get the ball out of the glove as fast as possible to make the throw." He also uses the glove if the Indians need him to play shortstop or second base.

**Outfield:** This glove is the biggest of the three. "I like to have a big glove out there," he says. "It helps because you might have to jump or dive to make a catch. You have a better chance if you have a bigger glove."

— Steve Herrick





## A *Field* DAY

Think it was tough pulling weeds last weekend? Talk to the Jake's head groundskeeper, Brandon Koehnke.

With Cleveland weather this summer, Jacobs Field is the only place most fans will see green grass. Head groundskeeper Brandon Koehnke is the man who ensures every blade of the four varieties of Kentucky bluegrass has been watered and cut to perfection.

But Koehnke is quick to point out that much of the credit goes to his staff of 16. "Everybody has a part in the whole operation," he says. "It is not what I do, it's what we do."

The groundscrew keeps Jacobs Field in tiptop shape by maintaining the field, bullpens, wall padding, camera pits, dugouts and the four indoor batting cages.

"On a sheet of paper it

doesn't sound like too many things," he says. "In real life it entails a great deal of work on a daily basis."

Their day begins around 8 a.m. and continues throughout the day.

"Once the game starts that doesn't mean we are done," Koehnke says, pointing out that some crew members work in the camera pits, while others are on the field between innings and, most importantly, all are ready to roll out the tarp for rain delays.

Contrary to popular belief, he says, the field is not watered every day.

"It's a, no pun intended, very fluid situation," he says.

Koehnke checks the radar for storms and keeps track

of the temperature to gauge whether water is needed.

The Jake's irrigation system is hooked up to a computer in his office and also one at his home.

While the Indians have an off-season, Koehnke, from Appleton, Wis., says winter is when the field really gets its upkeep. If new grass is needed, this is the time when old grass is removed and new sod is planted, giving it time to mesh and grow.

"October, November and part of December, that's my window of opportunity," he says.

When he does have a chance to get away from the Ballpark, Koehnke spends his time "being a father to a 6-year-old son." The two have



Photo: Gregory Drezdon

fun golfing, ice-skating and playing baseball and video games.

And while his son, a big Indians fan, names Grady Sizemore as his favorite, Koehnke cannot choose just one.

"How can I pick one?" he says with a laugh. "I like them all."

— Kim Schneider



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## GENERATIONS OF INDIANS FANS

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ALL-TIME FAVORITE INDIAN	Grady Sizemore	Coco Crisp	Albert Belle	Aaron Boone	Bob Feller
FAVORITE INDIANS MEMORY	"When I came to a game on my 6th birthday and C.C. Sabathia autographed his rookie card for me."	"When they won against the Yankees 22-0."	"Winning the pennant and Belle running over the second baseman."	"When the Indians played in Cincinnati against the Reds and C.C. Sabathia hit the game-winning home run."	"When they won the World Series in 1948."
BIGGEST RIVAL	New York Yankees	New York Yankees	Atlanta Braves	Minnesota Twins	New York Yankees
CELEBRATE A WORLD SERIES WIN	"I would invite my friends over and party."	"I would drive around the stadium a few times, honking the horn."	"I would drink and dance."	"I would try to go to the games."	"I would just be happy that they finally won after all these years."



# STRONGER THAN YOU THINK

Coco Crisp has spent his life proving that lack of size doesn't necessarily mean lack of ability. *By Jason Lloyd*

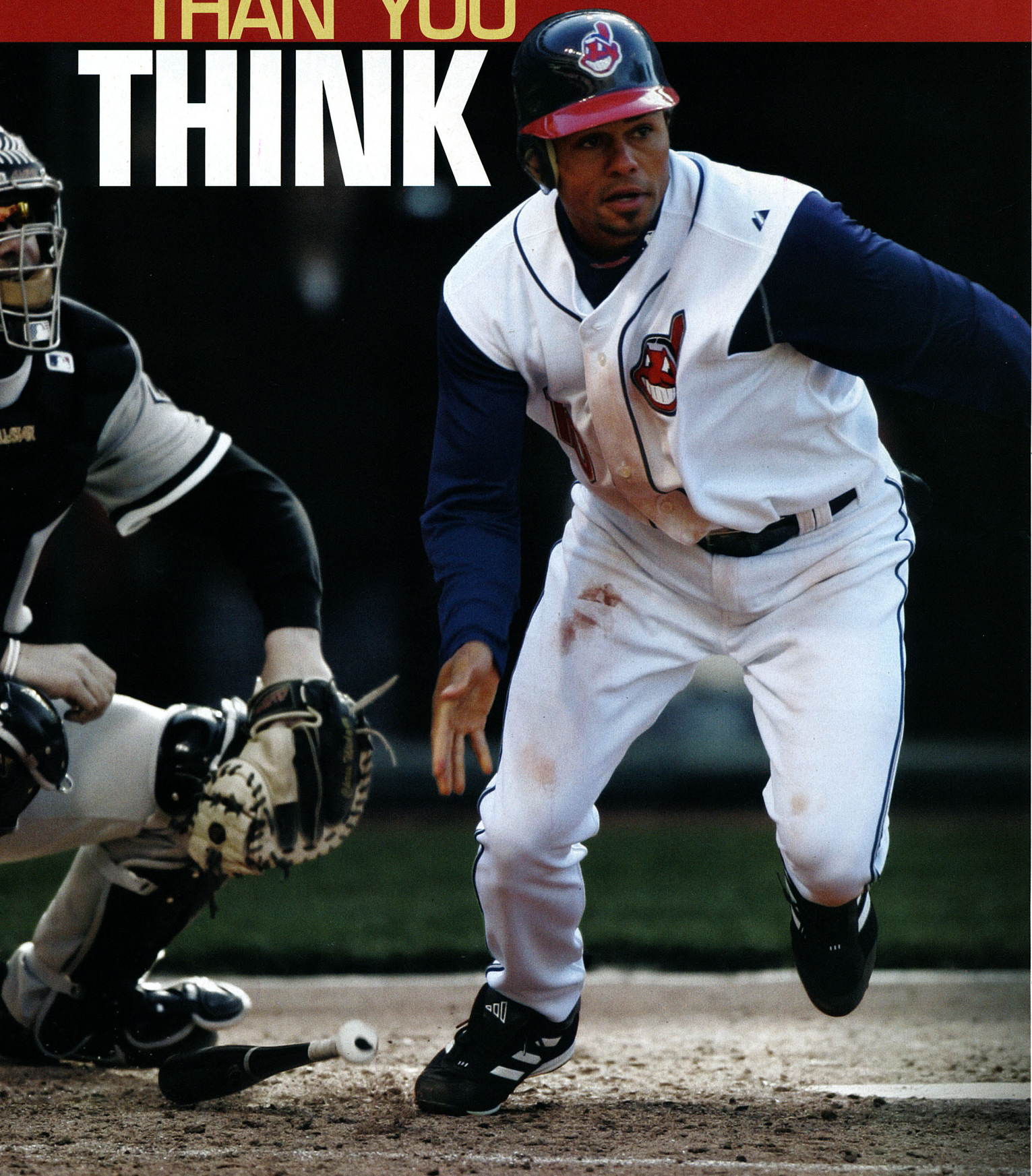


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**T**HERE'S A REASON WHY COCO CRISP IS SO FAST: He's been running most of his life. Running from school to school, running from the gangs of Los Angeles, running everywhere. It's why he stole more than 50 bases his senior year of high school as perhaps the smallest third baseman in the state.

"It's the only position they had for me," Crisp laughs.

Today he is a fixture in the Indians' lineup and community. His work on the field is surpassed only by his work in charities around the city, including the RBI Program, which brings baseball to inner-city children, and the Major League Lunch Program, which combats child obesity.

"You have to do something," Crisp says of his charity work. "I love kids and teens and if I can help out with them in programs, I do."

Crisp joined the RBI Program when he was 12. Now he's one of eight MLB RBI alumni to play in the Majors. He grew up in Inglewood, Calif., one of the more gang-infested areas of Los Angeles. In fact, all the gangs would gather one street over from where he lived.

"Guys would try to jack me for lunch money," Crisp says. "They would see us with a brown bag of food and think it was money and chase us down in cars."

He's able to laugh about it now, because the gangs never got too close. His parents and extended family made sure of that.

"It was home," he says. "Where you grow up is what you know. If I would've grown up in the country, I would know cows and chickens."



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Instead he knew guns and drugs. Or, more precisely, to stay away from guns and drugs.

"On one side of my family, I was the oldest cousin. On the other side, I was in the middle," he says. "So I was looked up to and I was sheltered at the same time."

He started at the affluent and esteemed Palos Verdes Peninsula High School, a school known for its academics and athletics. Crisp says he was one of "about 33" African-Americans in the predominantly white high school — a contrast to life as he otherwise knew it.

The baseball coach, of all people, flunked him in English, making him ineligible for the team as a freshman. That began a tour of four schools in four years that finally brought him to Inglewood High School, where he was a teammate of Atlanta Braves pitcher Horacio Ramirez.

The only position available was third, so Crisp played there as a 5-foot-9, 150-pound senior. He batted higher than .440 and stole over 52 bases while hitting second in the lineup, but wasn't drafted.

"I was a little guy playing out of position," Crisp says. "I was always the best player on the team in Little League and high school, but I didn't have a good track record and I was overlooked."

So Crisp went to Los Angeles' Pierce Junior College and remained a third baseman until the St. Louis Cardinals selected him in the seventh round in 1999 and made a second baseman out of him.

He was moved to the outfield during his second year of pro ball, and he's been there ever since.

The Indians acquired him as the player to be named later in the deal that sent Chuck Finley to the Cardinals in 2002. The deal was struck on July 19 and Crisp joined the Indians organization on August 6. After beginning the '02 season in Class AA, Crisp finished it with the Indians. He became the starting center fielder early last year and shifted to left full time this year to make room for Grady Sizemore.

"I don't have any complaints — I'm here," Crisp says. "But I could've made it as a second baseman, too."

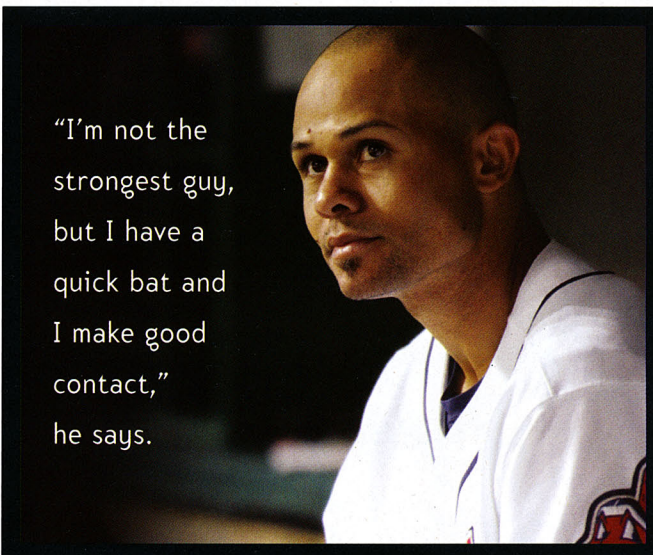
Crisp has developed deceptive power with the Indians, proven by his career-high 15 home runs last year. He should finish this year with roughly the same total after hitting only 25 homers over parts of five seasons in the Minors, and never more than 11 in one Minor League season.

"I'm not the strongest guy, but I have a quick bat and I make good contact," he says. "If I really wanted to, I could hit 20 home runs or so, but it would cost me points in my average. And as the No. 2 hitter, my job is to get on base and put down some bunts to move Grady along. I don't worry about hitting home runs."

Crisp has added about 30 pounds, mostly muscle, since his Inglewood days. While he's listed at 6 feet, in reality he's not much taller than the 5-9 he was in high school.

"Coco has the ability to put the barrel of the bat on the ball," Tribe hitting coach Derek Shelton says. "No matter where the pitch is, he always seems to get the barrel on it."

"And don't let him fool you. Coco is stronger than you think." ■



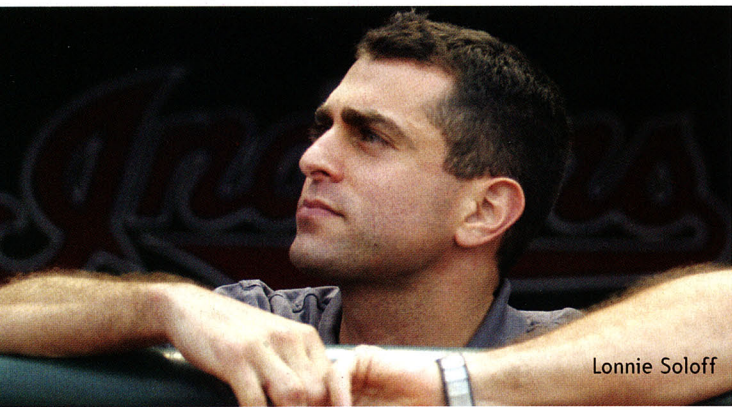
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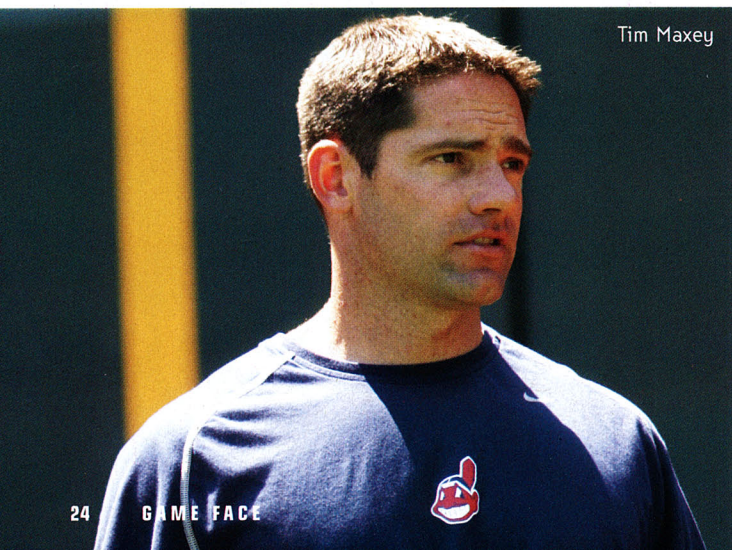
# good eats

Fad diets are out. Smart carbs and proteins are in. When you're a Major League Baseball player, the food you put in your body makes a difference in the way you perform on the field.

*By Larry Aylward*



Lonnie Soloff



Tim Maxey

**A** ARON BOONE MAY BE KNOWN FOR THIS clutch hitting, but he enjoys a light-hitting breakfast.

"I'm not one of those off-the-edge guys who watches everything he eats," says the 32-year-old Boone, who stands 6-foot-2 and weighs 202 pounds. An average breakfast for him would be egg whites, cereal, fruit and an English muffin. "But I try to keep it healthy for the most part."

So do most of the Cleveland Indians players, says Lonnie Soloff, the Tribe's head athletic trainer, in his second season with the team. Soloff and the Tribe's team of fitness experts, including strength and conditioning coach Tim Maxey, have worked hard to educate the players about proper nutrition and a balanced diet and the role both play in their on-the-field performances.

Maxey says nutrition and diet have become more vital throughout Major League Baseball. Teams take how nutrition and diet properly fuel players seriously to withstand the rigors of a 162-game season.

"We're finally getting away from the Babe-Ruth-hot-dog-and-a-beer kind of attitude," says Maxey, an Ohio native who's in his third season with the Indians. "Because what players eat and when they eat can directly affect their performances on the field and their recoveries the next day."

Victor Martinez has become a student of the nutrition game and is paying more attention to his diet. That's because the 26-year-old catcher doesn't want a repeat of what happened after the 2003 season.





When the season ended, Martinez went home to Venezuela, where he promptly packed on 12 pounds in a month. Martinez, who went from 222 pounds to 234 pounds, returned to Cleveland a month later and had to shed that excess weight.

Recently, after a pre-game workout on a hot day, a sweat-drenched Martinez says he's been counting his intake of fat, calories and carbohydrates.

"I've been eating more healthy," says Martinez, who lists grilled chicken, rice, vegetables and salad as a favorite meal. "I need to keep myself healthy for the long season."

That's the kind of talk Soloff and Maxey want to hear from Tribe players. It's not just about eating wisely for a week, they say. It's about eating wisely during the season and in the off-season.

Maxey says the training staff doesn't order players to count calories. Instead, they educate players about the fundamentals of fueling. Maxey advises players to fuel themselves throughout the day with several small-portion meals. Consuming a huge, calorie-concentrated lunch or five-course dinner is ill-advised.

Carbohydrate levels are directly related to proper fueling, allowing players to feel energized during games, Maxey stresses. So food with complex and slower-digesting carbohydrates, such as wheat bread, pasta and rice, are on the menu for players if they're playing eight games in 10 days on the road.

Protein is important to help rebuild players' bodies after a game. "We recommend a variety of protein sources," Maxey says, citing chicken, fish and beef.

Produce, vegetables and fruit are also integral to players' diets to help keep them healthy, Maxey notes. "You have to keep your immune system strong to ward off illness."

Proper fueling begins with breakfast. The Tribe's fitness experts agree with the adage that it's the most important meal of the day.

But getting players to eat breakfast can be a challenge, Maxey admits. Some players are apt to skip breakfast, especially if they sleep late after getting to bed in the wee hours of the morning after a night game.

"What has a tendency to happen is players will eat heavy at night after the game and not eat again until lunch," Maxey says. "If they do that over and over, their metabolisms will slow down and they'll start to accrue body fat. So we encourage breakfast."

If players continue to skip breakfast, they will eventually become fatigued, Maxey says. "Then you're setting yourself up not only for illness, but for loss of performance and potential injury."

A good breakfast would include wheat toast, oatmeal, pancakes, low-cholesterol eggs or egg whites and fruit juice, Maxey says. It should not include high-fat food or carbohydrates loaded with sugar, which slow metabolism.

Lunch is also important. The fitness staff tells players to eat lightly. Again, players are advised to avoid food that will make them feel heavy, such as anything fried.







As he does with breakfast, Boone takes the light route for lunch. His typical fare might include a turkey burger, cottage cheese and a bowl of soup.

The pre-game meal is crucial, Soloff says, because it must feature food that will keep players energized during games. Most players eat around 5 p.m. for a 7:05 game. The usual spread includes food high in complex carbohydrates and low in protein. A chicken stir fry with brown or white rice is a popular choice.

After night games, the post-game meal features a healthful mix of food high in protein and carbohydrates as well as salad. Soloff agrees it's not healthful for most people to eat at 11 p.m., but he points out that baseball players usually work the second shift and need to eat at that time.

The fitness staff also works closely with Continental Airlines, which provides the team's charter flights, to serve healthful food while players are traveling.

When players are on the road and eating out, Soloff and Maxey realize they have little control over their habits. While they don't expect players to eat broiled fish and carrots for every meal, they do expect them to eat intelligently. For instance, Soloff knows that "guys like their steaks" and are going to eat them. But Soloff advises players to choose the 18-ounce New York strip rather than the 25-ounce portion.

It's the same thing for players who like to scarf down hamburgers on occasion. That's fine, Soloff says, but he encourages players not to load up their burgers with cheese, mayonnaise and high-fat dressing.

Players are also encouraged to eat during games. If they need an energy boost, there's a good supply of energy bars and sports drinks on the bench.

Proper hydration is vital, especially on hot days. "We have some form of hydration product within arm's reach almost every time a player turns the corner," he adds.

"We advise them to avoid any products if they're not sure of the contents," Soloff notes.

And trendy diets, such as Atkin's, are not recommended.

"If you go on a high-fat, high-protein diet with no carbohydrates, you're going to tank big time," Maxey says. "There's no way you'll be able to function over time."

Maxey and Soloff say their jobs are not always easy. They're constantly speaking with players about proper nutrition. "Travel and game times make it difficult to adhere to a complete and sound nutrition program," Maxey says. "It's challenging for the players, but it's our responsibility to make sure they're fueled properly."

"It's impossible to control everything these athletes eat," Soloff adds. "They're grown men. But our approach is to educate them about healthy eating habits."

But Soloff and Maxey say the Tribe's players, many of whom are young, have been receptive to the message because they don't want to "eat themselves out of the league," as the phrase goes.

"Our guys are very cognizant of healthy habits and things that will keep them in the game," Soloff says.

Soloff relates a story that reveals how health-conscious Indians players have become. During a losing streak, the training staff set out a box of doughnuts for the players to eat. The idea was to try something different to help end the losing streak (you know how superstitious baseball players can be).

"We figured there might be some hits in those doughnuts," Soloff says. "But the players walked by them, looked at them and walked on through. They know what's good for them."



Photo: Gregory Drezdson

Taking care of his body has become a priority for Martinez, who weighs a lean 218 pounds. "If you don't take care of yourself, you're going to be out of [the league]," he says.

Maxey says Indians General Manager Mark Shapiro is in tune with the team's nutritional approach.

"Mark walks the talk," Maxey says. "He has always been on the cutting edge with nutrition."

Maxey says it's priceless to have a leader of the organization acting as a health-conscious Pied Piper of sorts. Players notice it and it sticks with them. Speaking of which, Boone says his teammate Travis "Pronk" Hafner has been fixated on his greens lately.

"Pronk is getting crazy with his broccoli," Boone relates. "Someone told him broccoli is good, which it obviously is, and Pronk has to have broccoli with everything. Every time he orders lunch on the road, he'll say, 'Can I get broccoli with that?'"

Somewhere, Soloff and Maxey are toasting each other with glasses of fruit juice. ■

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WELCOME TO THE

# BIGS

Who will the Indians call up when they expand their roster?

By Jim Ingraham



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**I**T USUALLY FALLS INTO ONE OF THREE CATEGORIES: climactic finishing school, professional reward, or the calling of the cavalry. It's the annual rite of Major League roster expansion, which occurs Sept. 1 every year. Beginning on that date, Major League teams expand their rosters from the standard 25 to as many as 40.

Teams do so by calling up players from the Minor Leagues. Exactly how many, and which players teams summon varies with each Major League team.

Some organizations choose only to call up players whom they need. Others use the September callups as a reward for a superior performance in the Minor Leagues. Still others call up players to give them a taste of the Majors so they aren't overwhelmed by the experience the next time it happens.

"The one thing we don't like to do," says Indians farm director John Farrell, "is to call up guys just for the sake of calling them up."

A distant third in the Indians' priority for September callups is as a reward for a player having an extraordinary Minor League season. Such players are frequently veterans rather than up-and-coming prospects.

"We've done that," says Farrell. "Last year [outfielder] Ernie Young and [pitcher] Jake Robbins were in that category."

This year, with the Indians hoping to be in the Wild Card race through September, it could affect how many and which players get called up. However, there do seem to be some fairly obvious candidates.



< **FAUSTO CARMONA**  
*Pitcher*

A 21-year-old right-hander, Carmona has moved quickly through the Indians' Minor League system, posting impressive numbers at every stop, including a 17-4 record at Class-A Lake County in 2003.

Carmona moved up so quickly that

in 2004 he pitched at three levels, and for much of this season he has been the best pitcher at Buffalo. He was chosen to play in the Futures Game — held during Major League All-Star Weekend — which features the top players in the Minors.

"Carmona has really made a lot of progress this season," Farrell says. "He has done a nice job of adjusting to a new level every time we've moved him."



#### < BRANDON PHILLIPS *Infield*

Phillips, a shortstop by trade who also can play second base, has had a couple stints with the Indians the past two years, and the day could be nearing when he gets to the big leagues to stay.

In Spring Training this year he lost the starting shortstop competition to Jhonny Peralta, but, to Phillips' credit, he didn't go to Buffalo and sulk. He went down and had another solid season, both offensively and defensively.

"Brandon is still very much in our plans," says Indians Manager Eric Wedge.



#### ^ JASON DAVIS *Pitcher*

A member of the Indians' starting rotation in 2003, when he was 8-11, Davis struggled last season. He's been up and down between Cleveland and Buffalo a couple times this season. However, he's still only 25, still has the power arm Indians officials love — his fastball can approach 100 mph — and he is still looked upon as a potential starter.

#### ✓ FERNANDO CABRERA *Pitcher*

There are some in the Indians organization who feel that Cabrera, a well-built (6-4, 225 pounds) right-hander, could be the eventual successor to Bob Wickman as the team's closer. Cabrera's Minor League numbers this season at Akron and Buffalo have been outstanding, and he showed promise during a brief stay with the Indians this summer.



#### RYAN GARKO *First Base*

A catcher at Stanford University when the Indians selected him in the third round of the 2003 June Amateur Draft, Garko, 24, has made the transition to first base this year at Buffalo. He hasn't abandoned catching, but it appears first base may be his position in the Major Leagues.

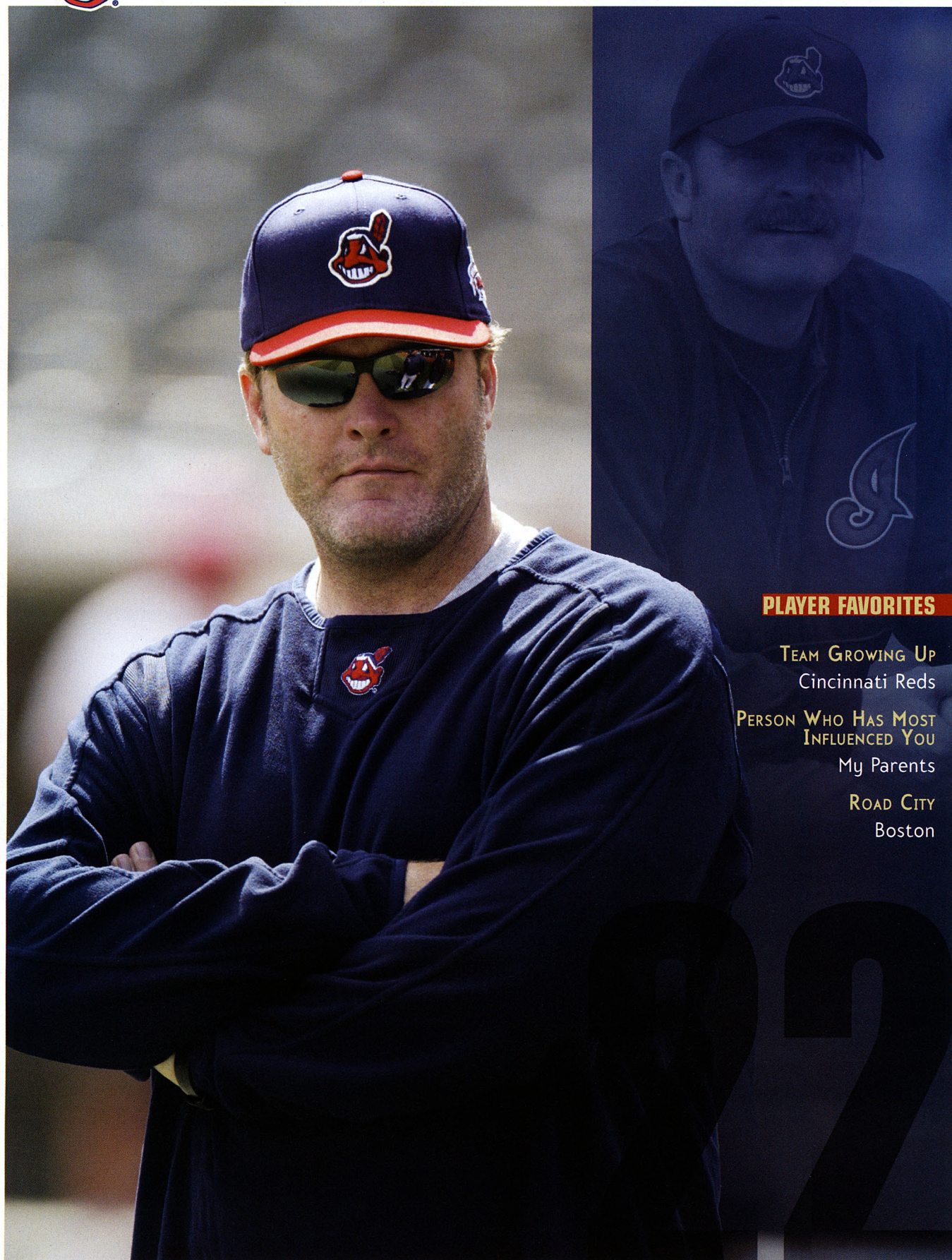
Garko's ticket to the Majors will be his bat. He is a career .300 hitter in the Minor Leagues and has hit everywhere he has played, including an impressive 2004 season in which he had a higher batting average at each stop while advancing from Class A to AAA.

"Ryan can hit," says Farrell. "We think he can potentially be a run producer at the Major League level. And he's done a good job of adapting to first base."

#### JEREMY GUTHRIE *Pitcher*

The Indians' top pick, the 22nd player selected overall, in the 2002 June Amateur Draft, Guthrie was an All-American at Stanford University and was thought to be on the fast track to the Major Leagues when the Indians drafted him. However, his career has stalled at Class AAA the last couple years. He has struggled with his consistency, and at age 26, the clock is ticking on Guthrie's status as a top-rated prospect. Although he has been a starter for most of his career, Guthrie pitched out of the bullpen in six late-season appearances with the Indians last year, and his future may be as a reliever.





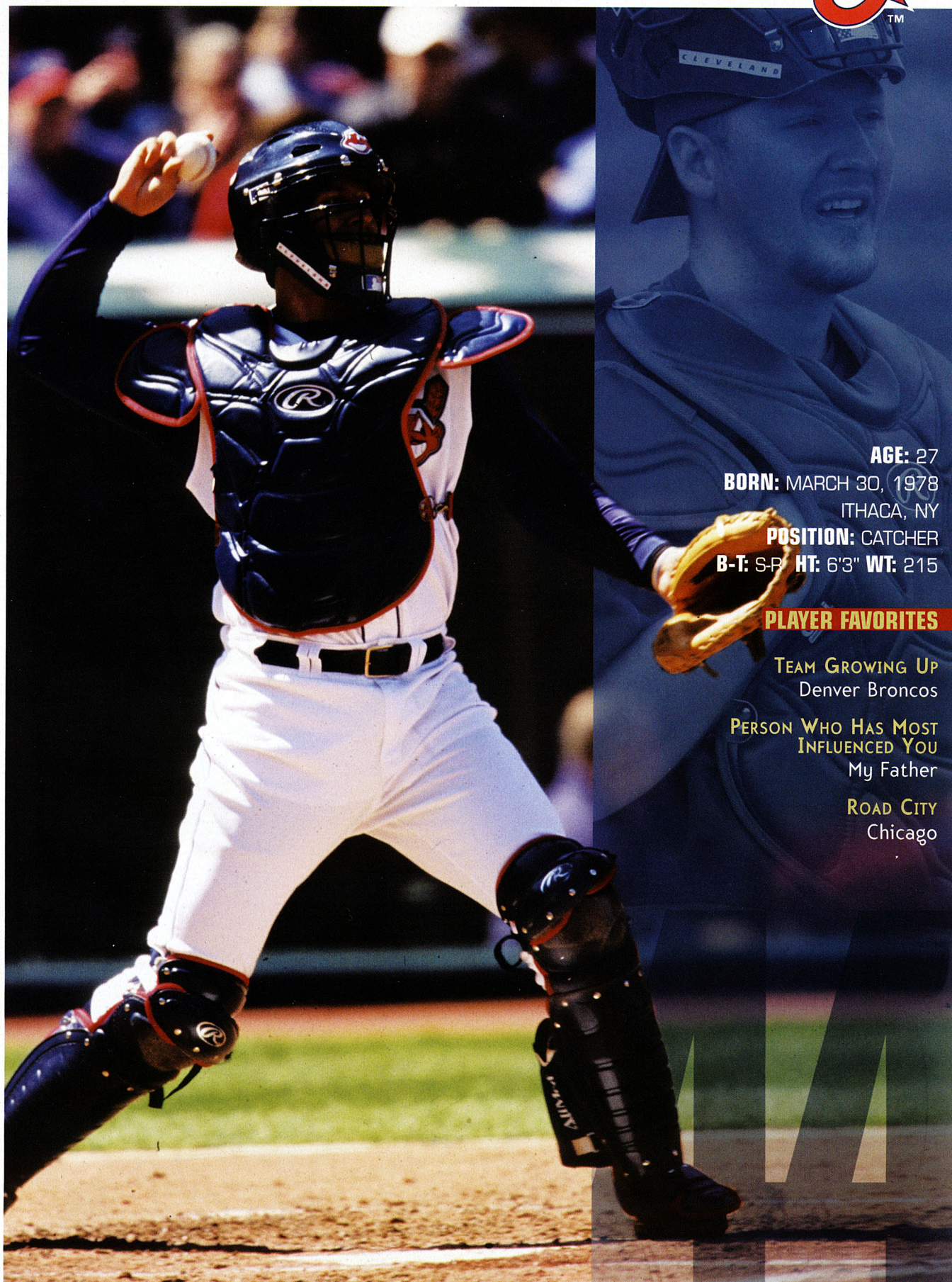
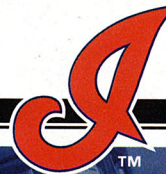
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Cincinnati Reds

PERSON WHO HAS MOST  
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My Parents

ROAD CITY  
Boston





**AGE:** 27

**BORN:** MARCH 30, 1978

ITHACA, NY

**POSITION:** CATCHER

**B-T:** S-R **HT:** 6'3" **WT:** 215

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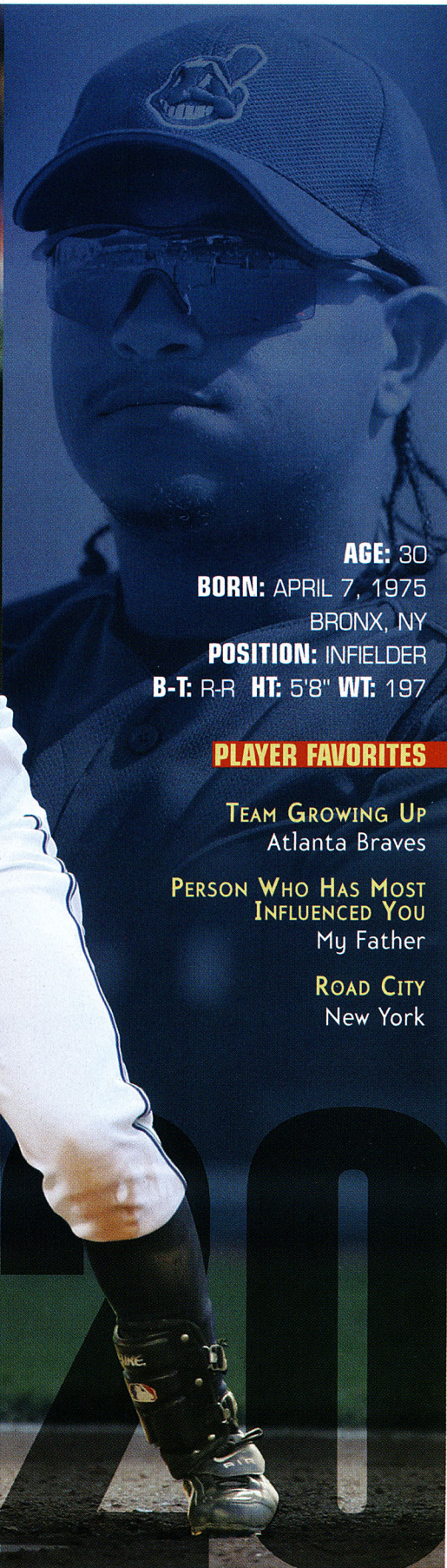
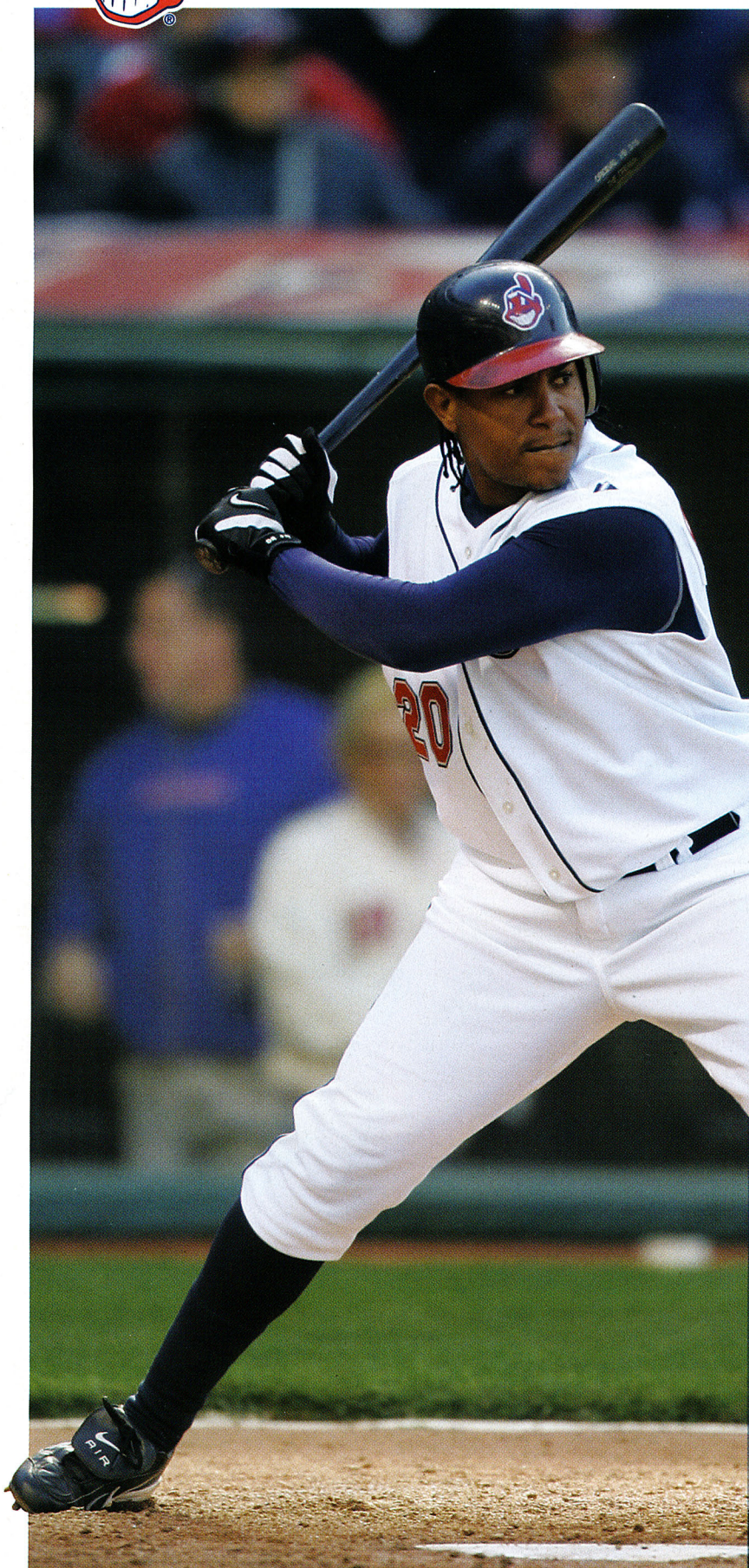
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Chicago





## RONNIE BELLIARD



**AGE:** 30

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BRONX, NY

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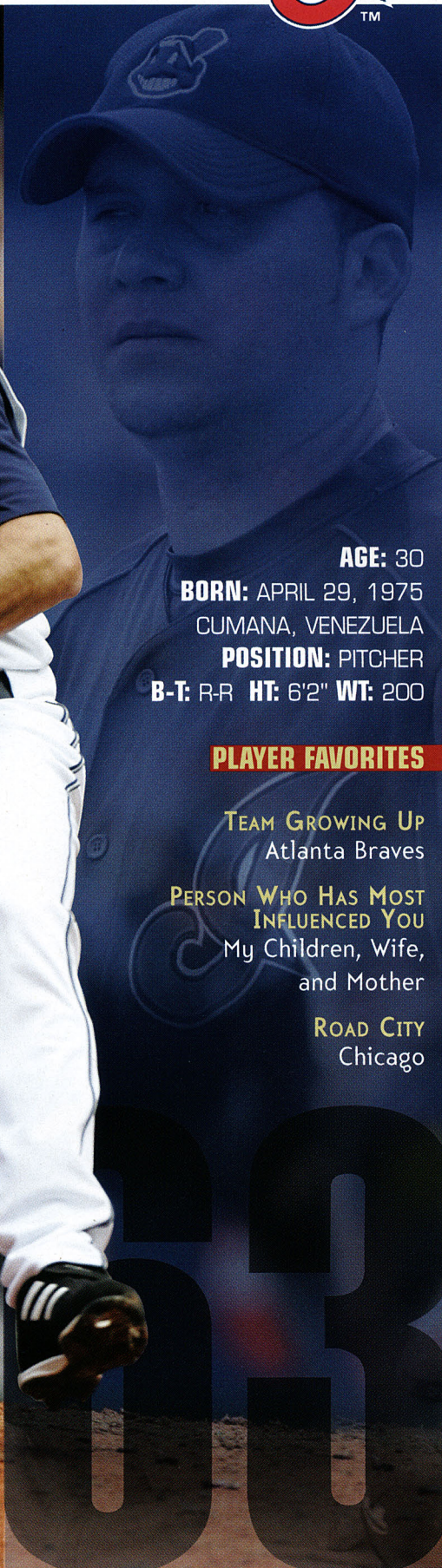
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Atlanta Braves

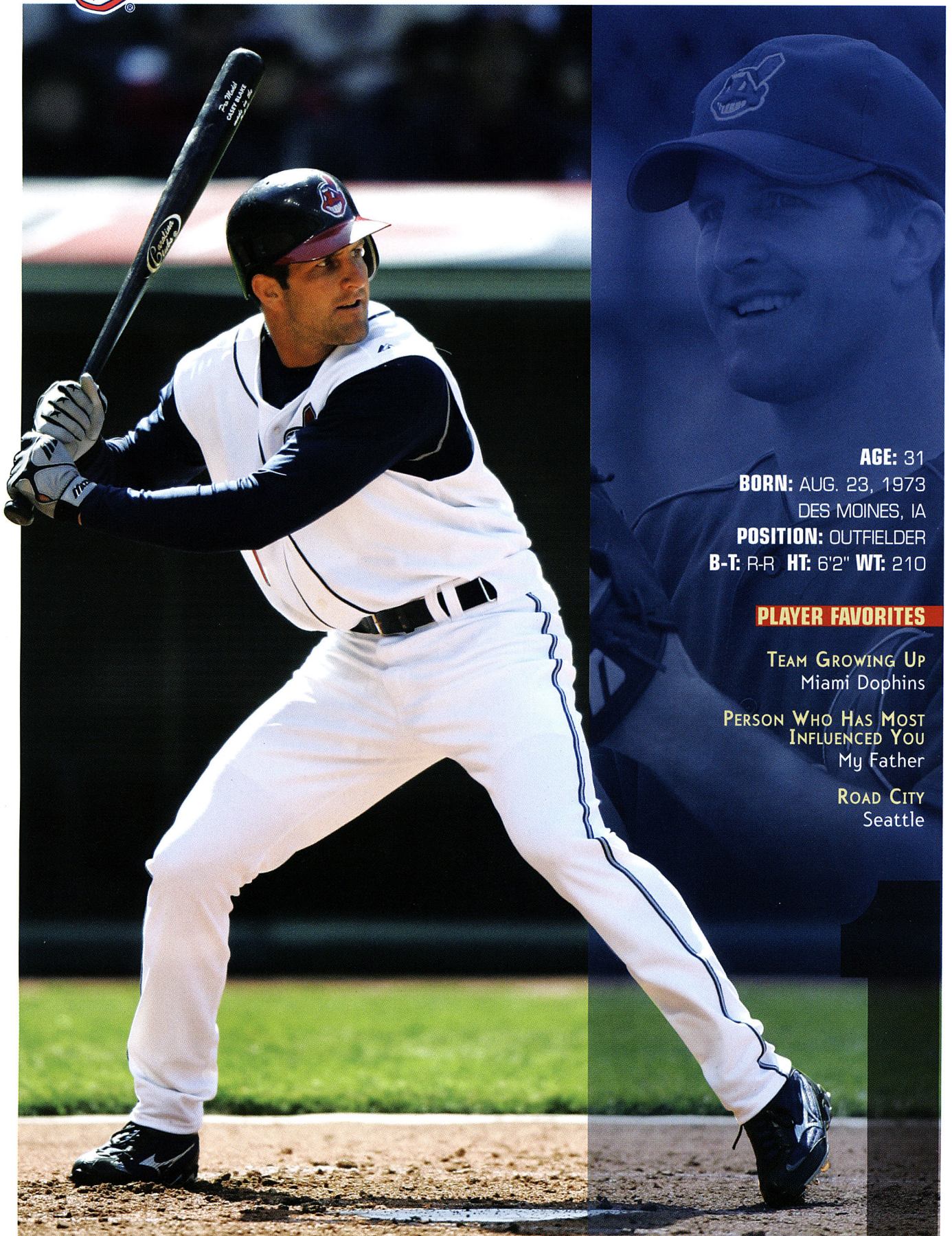
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My Children, Wife,  
and Mother

**ROAD CITY**

Chicago





**AGE:** 31

**BORN:** AUG. 23, 1973

DES MOINES, IA

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**TEAM GROWING UP**

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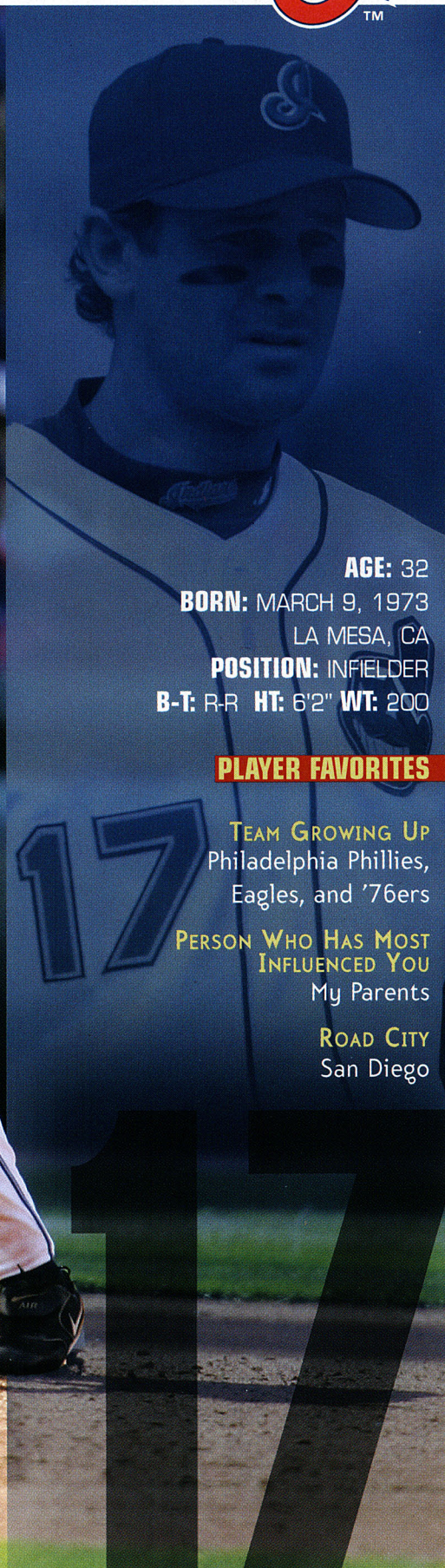
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INFLUENCED YOU**

My Father

**ROAD CITY**

Seattle





**AGE:** 32

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LA MESA, CA

**POSITION:** INFILDER

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**PLAYER FAVORITES**

**TEAM GROWING UP**

Philadelphia Phillies,  
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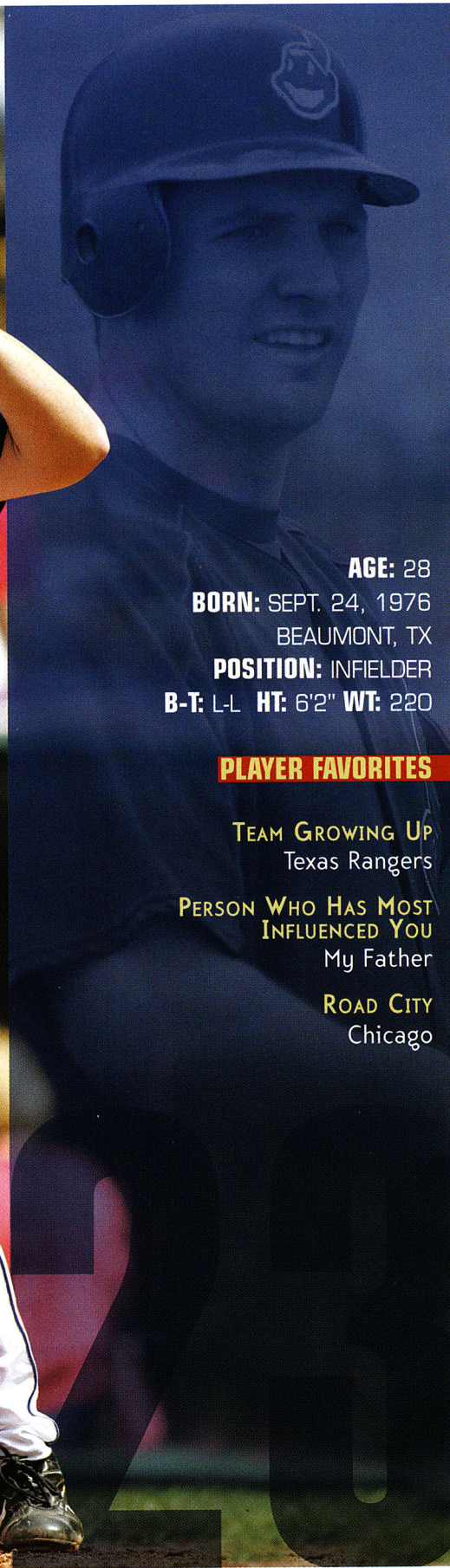
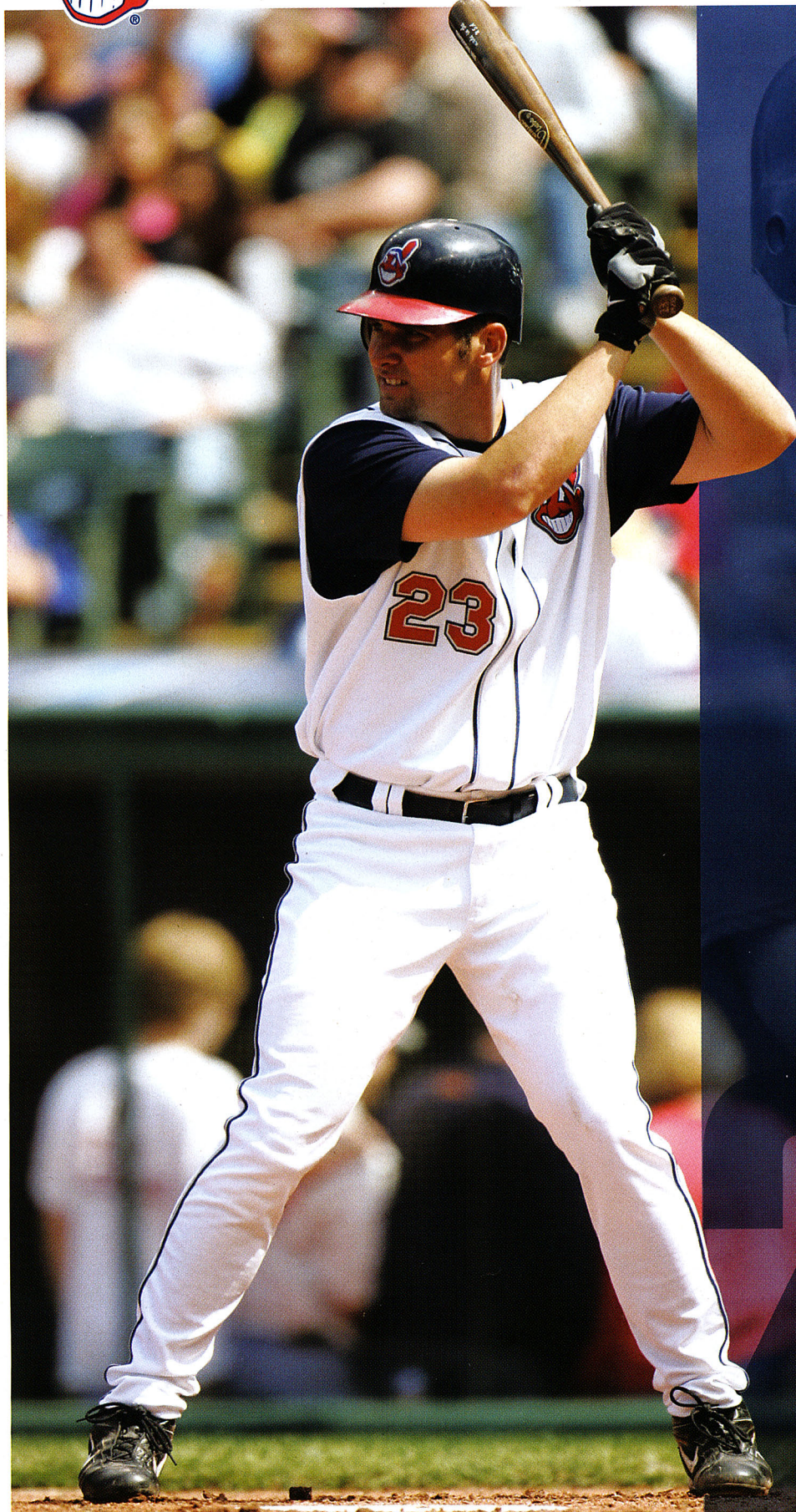
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My Parents

**ROAD CITY**

San Diego





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**PLAYER FAVORITES**

**TEAM GROWING UP**

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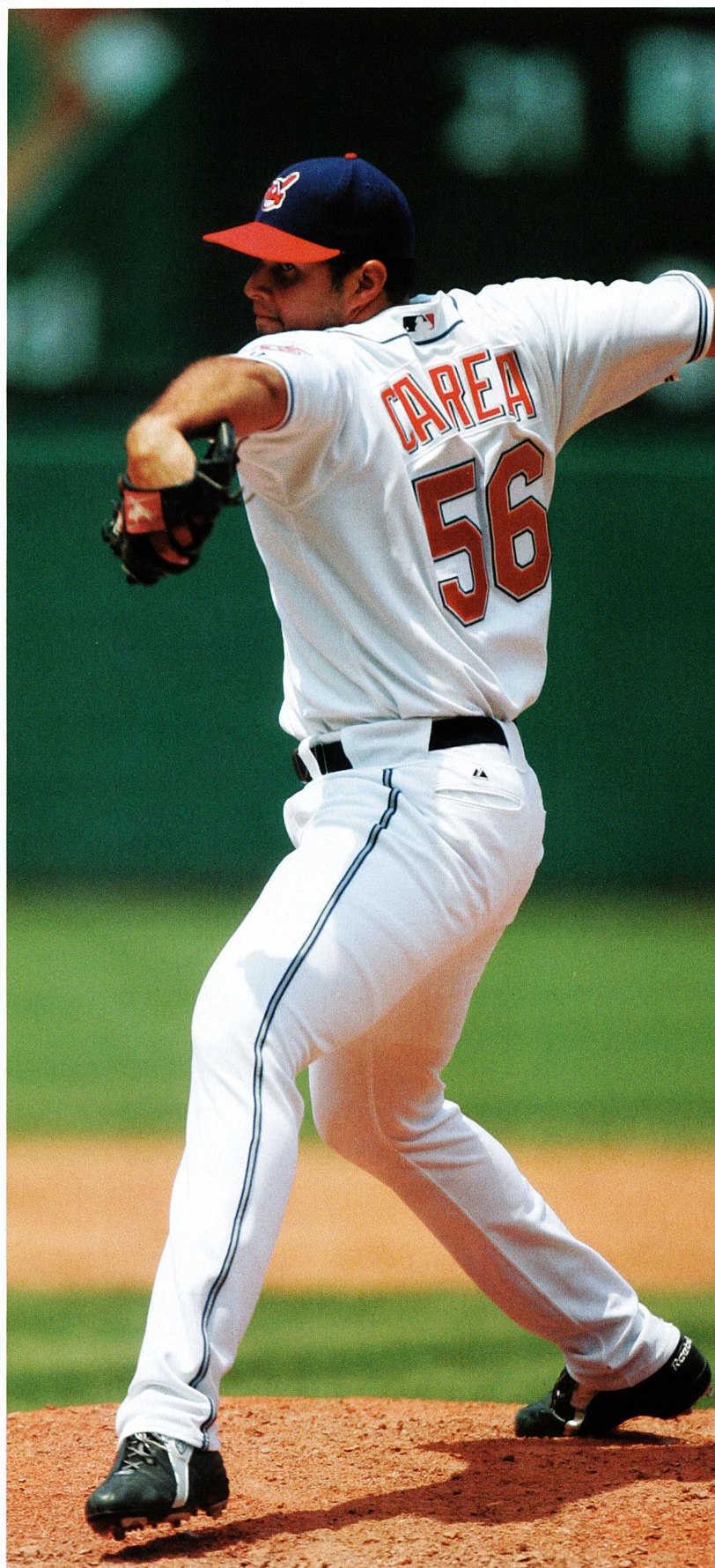
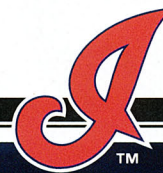
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My Father

**ROAD CITY**

Chicago





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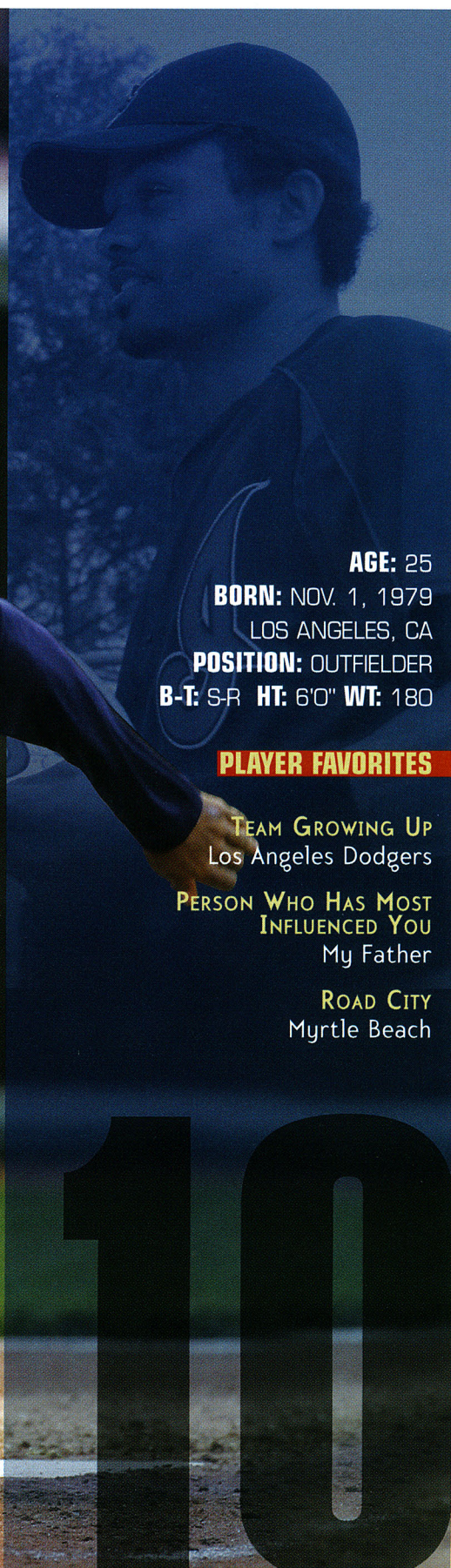
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**AGE:** 25

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LOS ANGELES, CA

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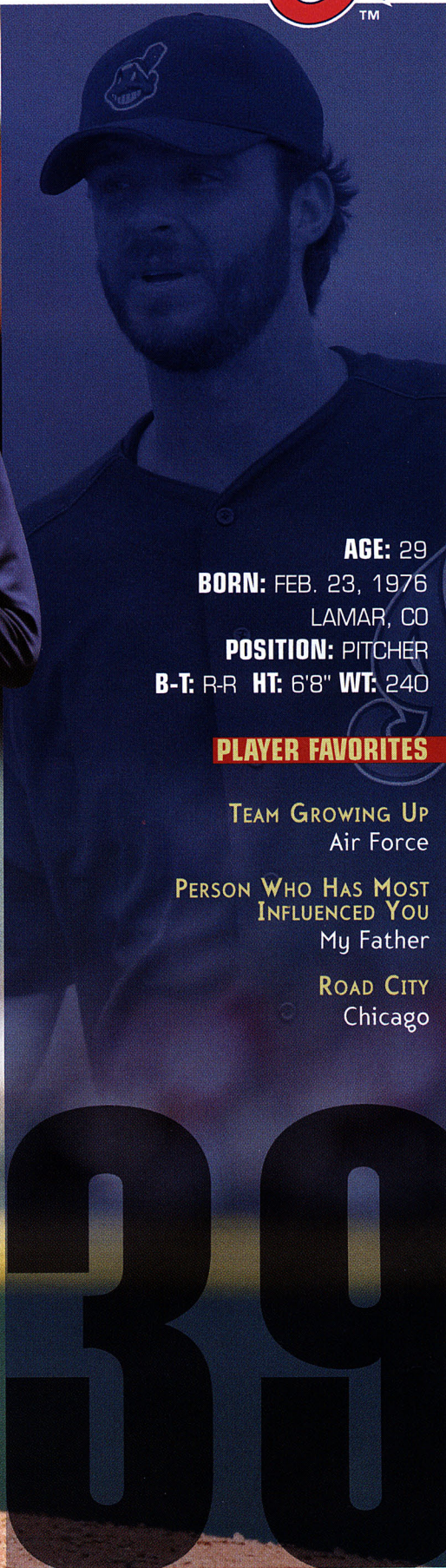
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My Father

**ROAD CITY**  
Myrtle Beach

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**AGE:** 29

**BORN:** FEB. 23, 1976  
LAMAR, CO

**POSITION:** PITCHER

**B-T:** R-R **HT:** 6'8" **WT:** 240

**PLAYER FAVORITES**

**TEAM GROWING UP**  
Air Force

**PERSON WHO HAS MOST  
INFLUENCED YOU**  
My Father

**ROAD CITY**  
Chicago

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## TOUR DE FORCE

Have you ever wondered what happens behind the scenes at The Jake?

Cleveland Indians Charities has just the thing to satisfy your curiosity while supporting a good cause.

Jacobs Field Tours offer fans an intimate look at the \$175 million home of the Tribe, including the press box, bullpen, dugout, Club Lounge, batting cages, party suite, and Kidsland. Select tours will also see the visitors' clubhouse.

Proceeds benefit Cleveland Indians Charities and, since the park opened in 1994, the tours have generated more than



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\$575,000. Public tours are available Monday through Friday and Saturdays when the Indians are on the road. Tickets are \$6.50 for adults, \$4.50 for children under 14, and senior citizens over 60, and free for children under 2.

Group tours, available for up to 40 people, are \$180 and are available Monday through Saturday at 1 p.m. School tours are also available.

For tickets and more information, visit your local Cleveland Indians Team Shop, [Indians.com](http://Indians.com) or call 216.420.4385.

# It Takes A Team Effort

Through its Community Outreach efforts, the Cleveland Indians family is making a difference in the lives of young people in Northeast Ohio.



EVERY YEAR, MEMBERS OF THE Cleveland Indians visit local area schools during lunchtime to promote good eating and exercising habits in a program known as the Cleveland Clinic Major League Program. While the school visit lasts only through the lunch hour, its impact on the children can last a lifetime.

In January, the Indians visited Brook Park Elementary. The auditorium was decorated in red, white, and blue and every child and teacher sported their favorite Indians gear to support the day's "Think spring, think Indians" theme. Tribe visitors included radio announcer Matt Underwood, first base coach Jeff Datz, and players Victor Martinez, Cliff Lee, and Rafael Betancourt.

Arriving 30 minutes ahead of schedule, the players took the baseball

memorabilia purchased by Brook Park's PTA and autographed everything as a gift to the students.

But an even bigger surprise awaited one fifth-grade boy, who is confined to a wheelchair, says Principal Dave Vale.

"The fifth-grader came in with two baseballs and a note from his mom, saying he had slept with the two balls the night before and dreamt of the players signing them," he says. When Martinez heard the story, he asked to see him and signed his baseballs, one for the boy and one for his brother who is also in a wheelchair, in front of the whole school. "People were crying; it was so precious," Vale says. "If their purpose was to spread good will, it was certainly accomplished."

"It was so touching how the players were so accommodating to the kids. They could not have designed a better day."





Other programs through the Indians Community Outreach include:

### FIRSTENERGY GRAND SLAM LITERACY PROGRAM

In conjunction with the Cuyahoga County Library System, players, their wives, and front office staff visit various libraries during the summer months to motivate students to read. Indians personnel come and read their favorite books to children in elementary school.

"They really get excited to see and hear the players," says Kim Merryman, public relations director for the library. "This program really provides the human interaction kids want, and they get a chance to learn while meeting their favorite Indians players."

### KEYBANK HIGH ACHIEVERS PROGRAM

As a participant in the High Achievers Program, Principal Bob Trapp, of Olmsted Falls High School, has the opportunity to reward deserving students with two free tickets to Indians home games. The Cleveland Indians provide the school, along with many others throughout the area in grades 4 through 12, with approximately 70 tickets a season. Trapp distributes the tickets to the Students of the Month for their outstanding classroom work. "The students seem really excited when they win tickets and it's also a nice surprise," he says.

KeyBank and the Indians have provided nearly 200,000 tickets to deserving students since 1994. In addition, through the KeyBank Charitable Complimentary Ticket Program, almost 75,000 free tickets have been distributed to assist the underprivileged, seniors, and the disabled since Jacobs Field opened.



*Brenda and Ben Broussard have a great time reading to kids and their families at the Brooklyn Library branch.*

### PLAIN DEALER TRIBE REPORTER FOR A DAY

For Dana Raponi, working as the Tribe Reporter for a Day was "definitely an eye-opening experience." Designed for high school students considering journalism careers, the program gives 25 essay-contest winners the opportunity to get behind the scenes of an Indians reporter's workday.

Participants choose to be a photographer, sports writer, or television journalist. Raponi and her group toured the Ballpark, attended a press conference with Manager Eric Wedge, and watched batting practice before the game. (The highlight was when Omar Vizquel came over to say "Hi.") "It was a once-in-lifetime experience," she says.

### BOONE'S BUDDIES PRESENTED BY MEDICAL MUTUAL

Members of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Cleveland and their families will receive tickets and food-and-beverage coupons, and sit along the third base line to cheer on Boone every Saturday during the 2005 season.

— Beth Stallings

## THE BOOK BOYS

Indians players participate in the FIRSTENERGY GRAND SLAM LITERACY PROGRAM each year to motivate kids to read. But what books have these Tribe sluggers turning the page?



*Photo: Gregory Drezdson*

**JODY GERUT:**  
*Flags of our Fathers;  
Heroes of Iwo Jima,  
James Bradley and  
Ron Powers*

**CASEY BLAKE:**  
*Tuesdays with Morrie,  
Mitch Albom*

**BEN BROUSSARD:**  
*Angels and Demons,  
Dan Brown*



# Join **CLUB LOUNGE** at JACOBS FIELD **THE CLUB**

**CLUB SEAT TICKET** holders are getting a chance to experience Tribe games in ways fans have until now only dreamed about. Imagine all-you-can-eat food in your seats or in a sports bar atmosphere while still having a perfect view of the game.

Yes, the laminated menus have disappeared from the Club Seats, but so has the need to bring your wallet. That's right, hot dogs, soda, popcorn, and other traditional Ballpark items, delivered by vendors, are now free in the Club Seats.

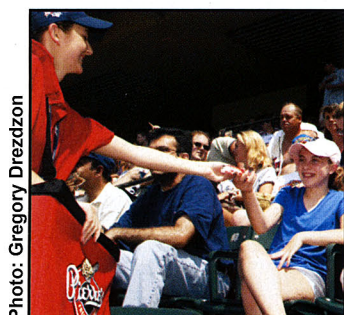


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In addition, ticket holders can now enjoy complimentary food and non-alcoholic beverages in the Club Lounge, where almost 20 large, flat-screen TVs ensure you'll never miss a single moment of the action. And besides the regular Ballpark food, the Club Lounge offers a specialized carving station, pasta bar, daily international specials, and ice cream.

"You can go in there and never pull your wallet out," says Bill Lavelle, Indians Director of Luxury Seating. "That's a pretty cool deal." He added that this is a great comfort for companies that give Club Seat tickets to employees and clients. "Now employers can give



Photo: Gregory Drezdron

their workers and customers a \$75 ticket and not worry about them having to pay for anything," explains Lavelle.

"I think it's a terrific value," says John Betchal, who has owned Season Tickets in the Club Seats for 10 years. "You get the combination of great baseball, a comfortable seat, along with blue-ribbon food."

Also new this season are Chalk Talks, which provide Club Seat holders an exclusive, inside look at the Tribe. Four times throughout the season, press-conference style Chalk Talks will be held for Club Seat ticket holders on a first-come, first-served basis.

Additionally, Club Seat members can meet the players in a re-laxed setting at the Tribe Celeb-riety Cook-off. The free event occurs once a season with five or six Indians players and/or coaches cooking and serving their favorite recipes to Club Seat owners. "The players really enjoy doing it," says Lavelle.

Last year, participants included Eric Wedge, Victor Martinez, and Matt Miller.

"That's just pure fun," Betchal says. "It's a variety of players' favorites and it is interesting to match the player's personality to the food."

Sound good so far? Well it's about to get even better with the ticket-buying options offered this season. Fans have the option of purchasing tickets for 40 games at a one-season commitment or they can purchase 81 games (a full season), with either a one-year or a three-year commitment. "The longer the commitment you make, the lower the price of a ticket," Lavelle says. Tickets

for Club Seating can also be purchased on an individual game basis for groups of 10 or more people.

With new signage, furniture and flat-screen TVs constantly airing

the in-house feed in the lounge, "fans never lose a feel to the game," Lavelle assures. The seating runs on the 200 level, down the first base line and halfway into right field.

"It's a perfect view and a great way to experience the game," Lavelle says.

— Beth Stallings

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## A SUITE DEAL

For fans who want an exclusive experience without losing a feel for the game, Suites are a smart choice. The game can be viewed from inside the climate-controlled Suite — with its two TVs, refrigerator and wet bar — or out on the private balcony.

Twelve tickets and three

parking passes are included with the purchase of the Suite. In addition, the Suites offer a private rest room, catering by Well Bread, which includes

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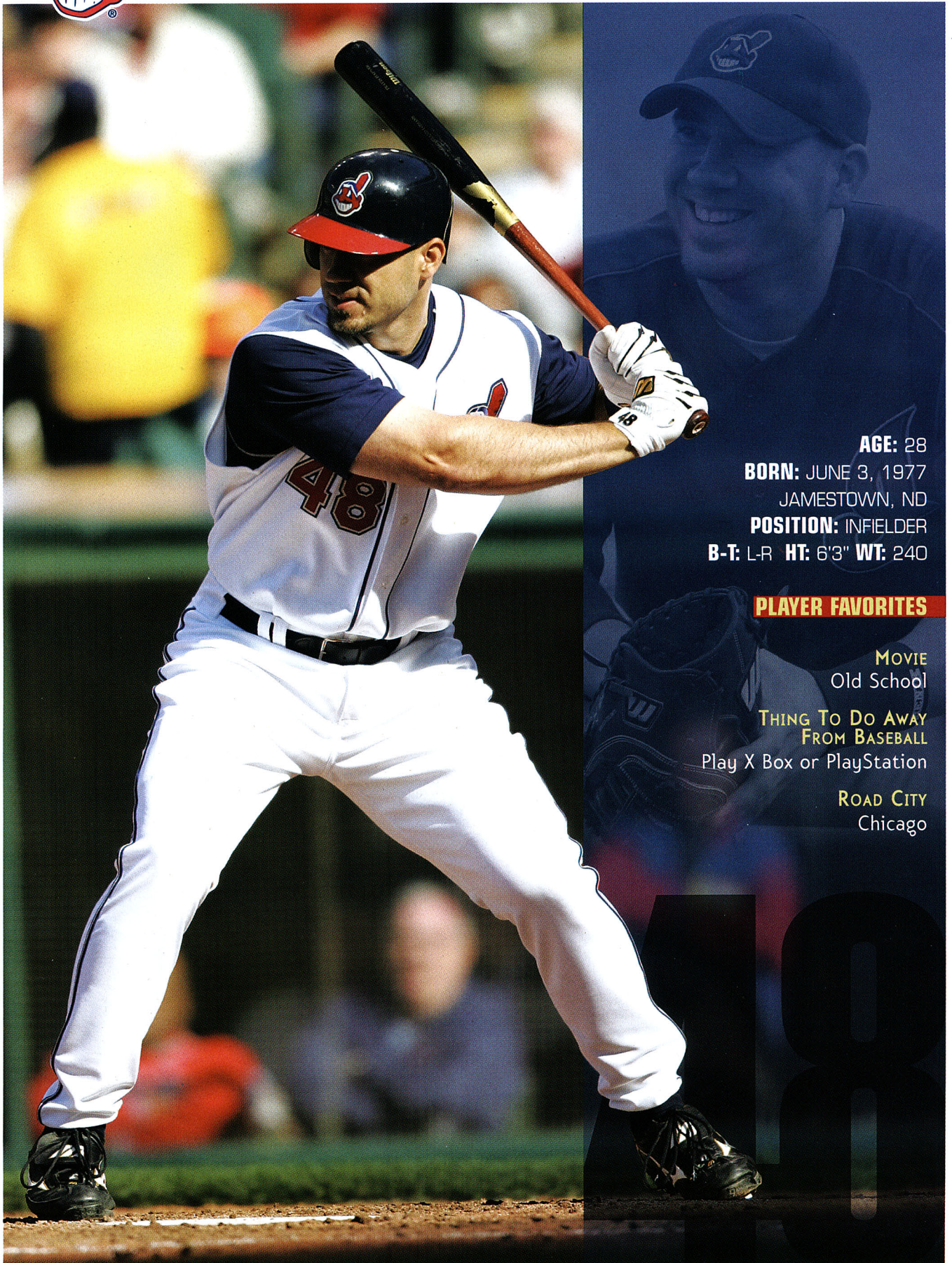
Suite holders receive discounts at the Team Shop and promotional giveaways during each game. They also have an opportunity to taste-test new Ballpark foods, which not only gives them a chance to have a part in Ballpark decisions, but also lets holders meet other Suite holders and allows a great networking opportunity.

And as a thank you, the Tribe hosts Suite Holder Workout Days in which Suite holders are treated like Indians players for the day, dressing in the locker rooms, having their names announced as they run out onto the field, and then hitting off Indians alums. "It's a day to be a Major Leaguer," says Lavelle.

Suites can be reserved in full- or partial-season plans, including 81 games (full season), 40 games (half season), 20 games, and the newly introduced nine game outfield Suite. "This new option was created to give almost everyone an opportunity to explore the Suites as an option," explains Lavelle. Even small businesses can take advantage of the nine-game plan to offer clients a unique experience. "It's an upscale service with endless rewards," Lavelle promises.







**AGE:** 28

**BORN:** JUNE 3, 1977

JAMESTOWN, ND

**POSITION:** INFIELDER

**B-T:** L-R **HT:** 6'3" **WT:** 240

**PLAYER FAVORITES**

**MOVIE**

Old School

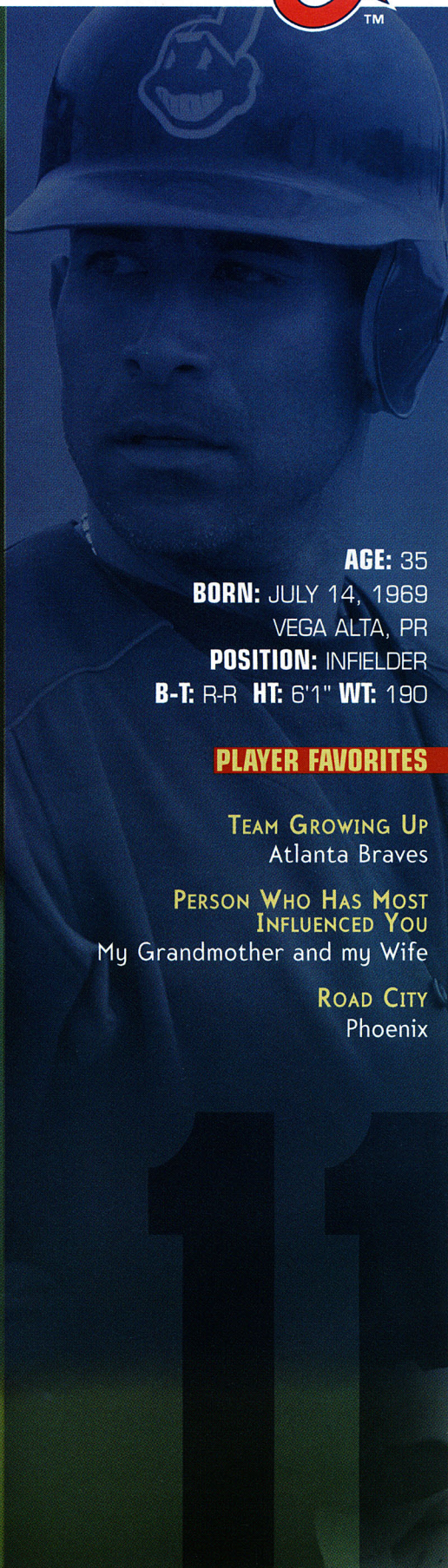
**THING TO DO AWAY  
FROM BASEBALL**

Play X Box or PlayStation

**ROAD CITY**

Chicago





**AGE:** 35

**BORN:** JULY 14, 1969

VEGA ALTA, PR

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**PLAYER FAVORITES**

**TEAM GROWING UP**

Atlanta Braves

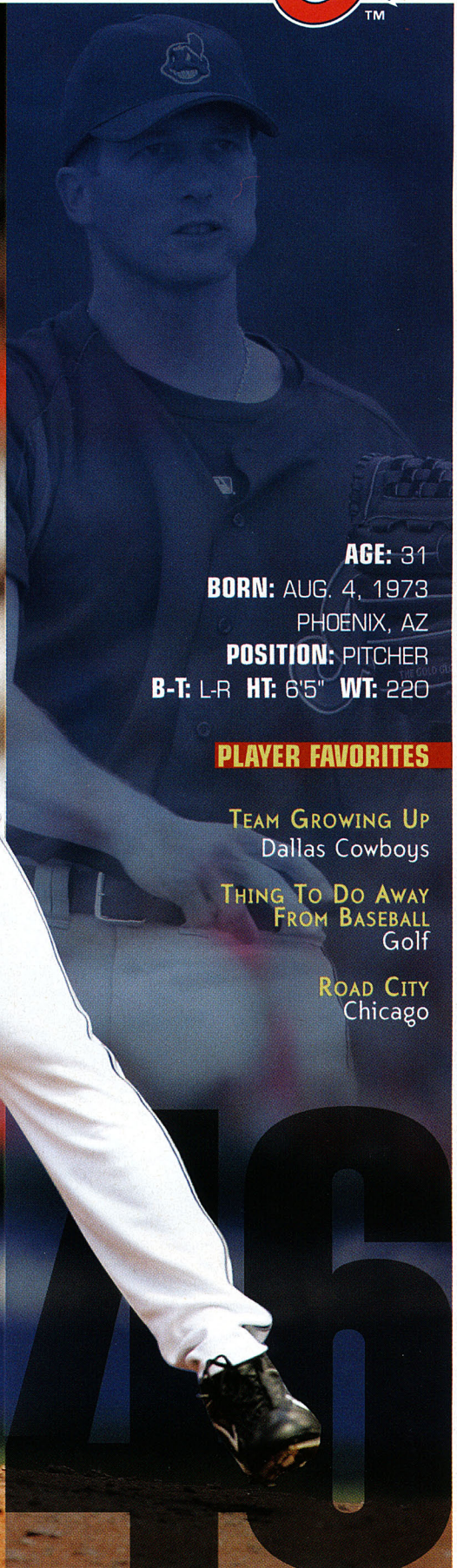
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My Grandmother and my Wife

**ROAD CITY**

Phoenix





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PHOENIX, AZ

**POSITION:** PITCHER

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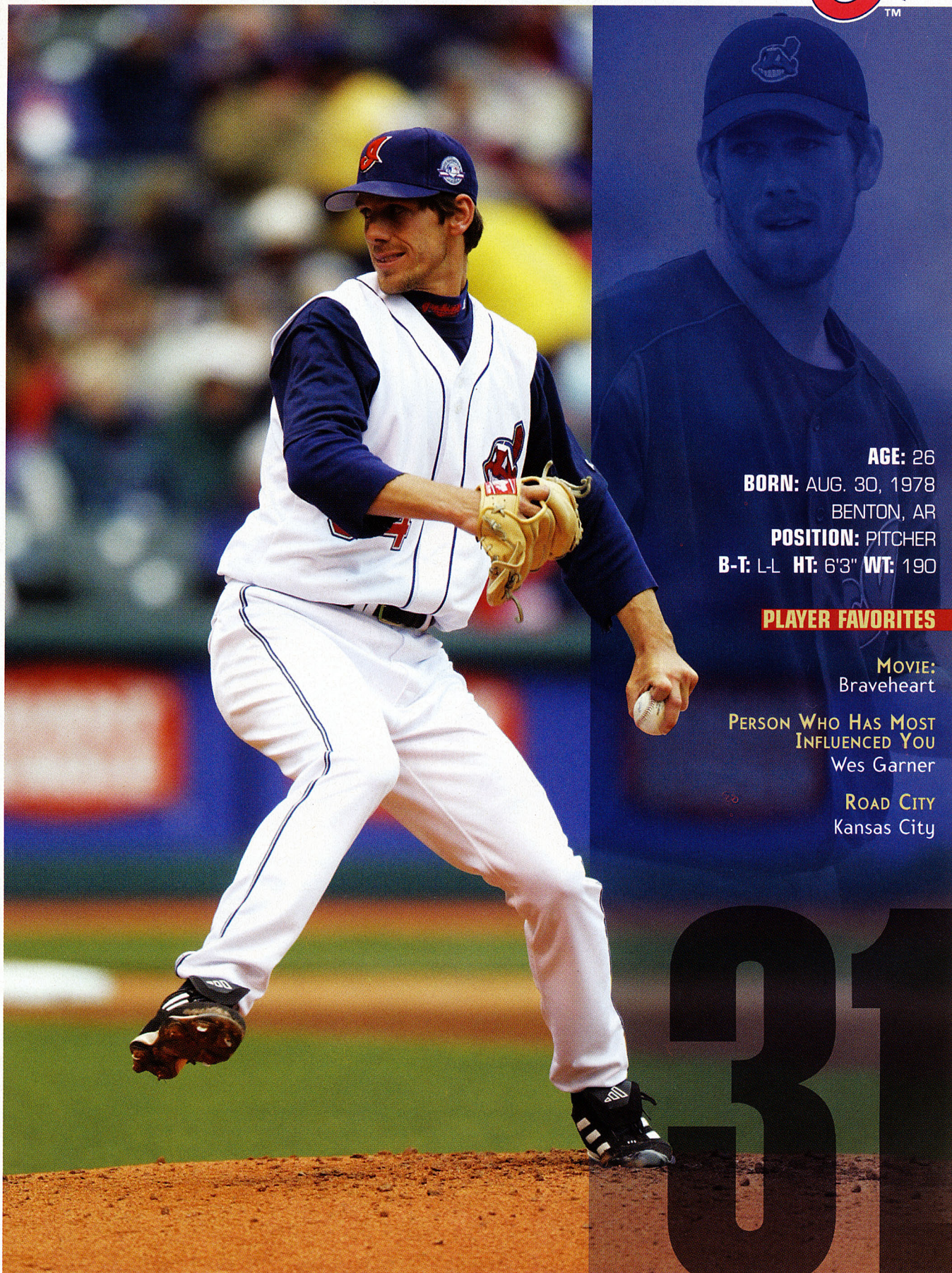
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**MOVIE:**

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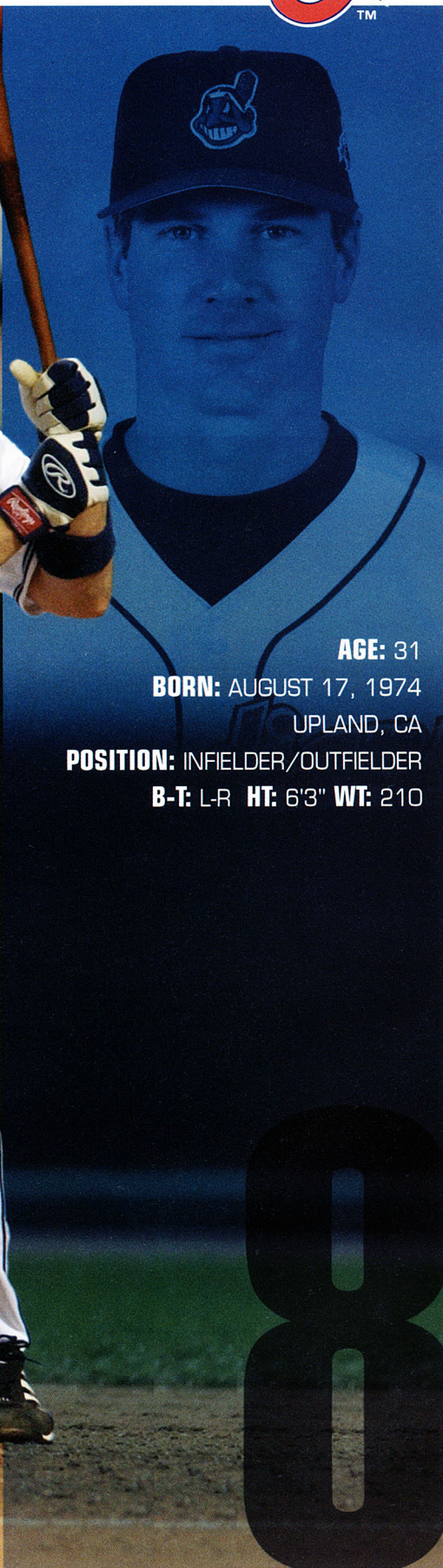
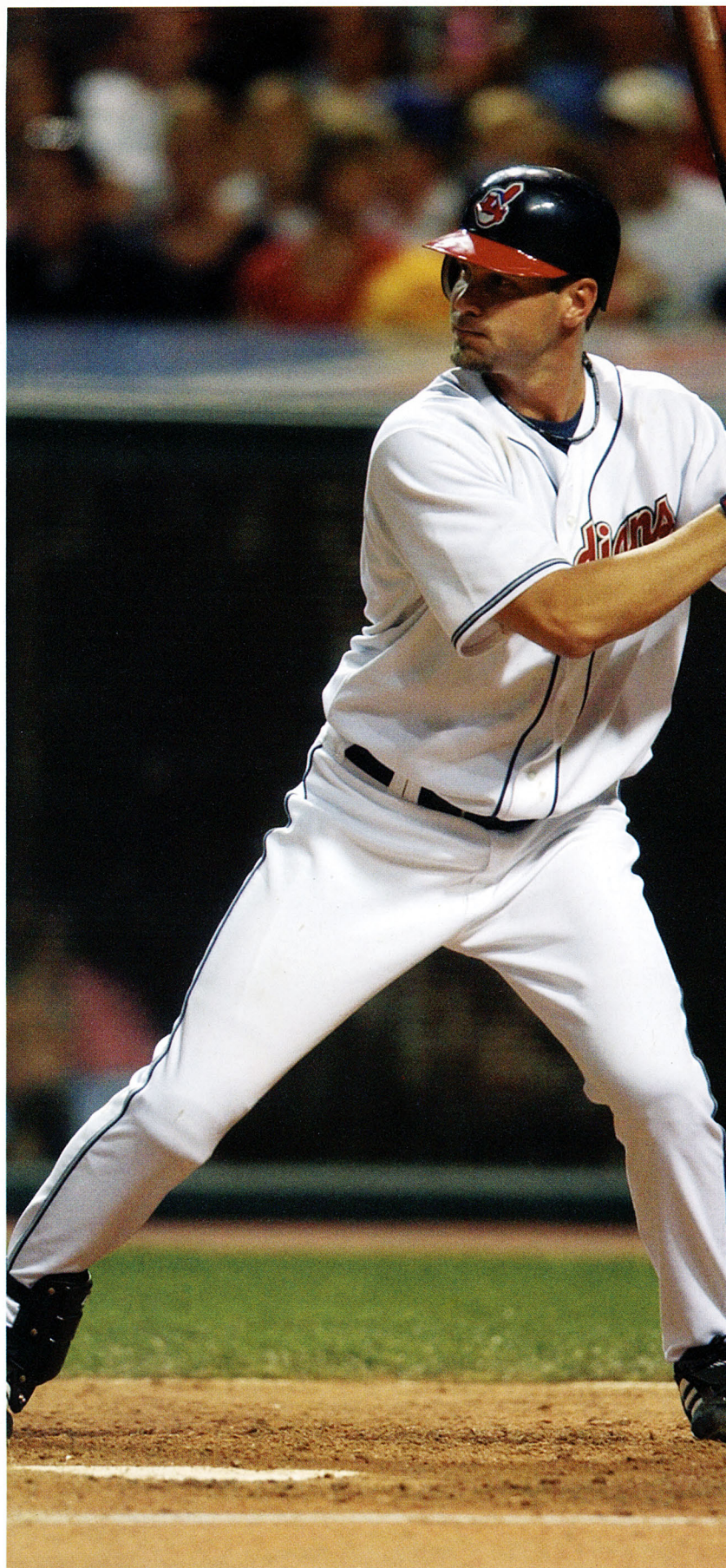
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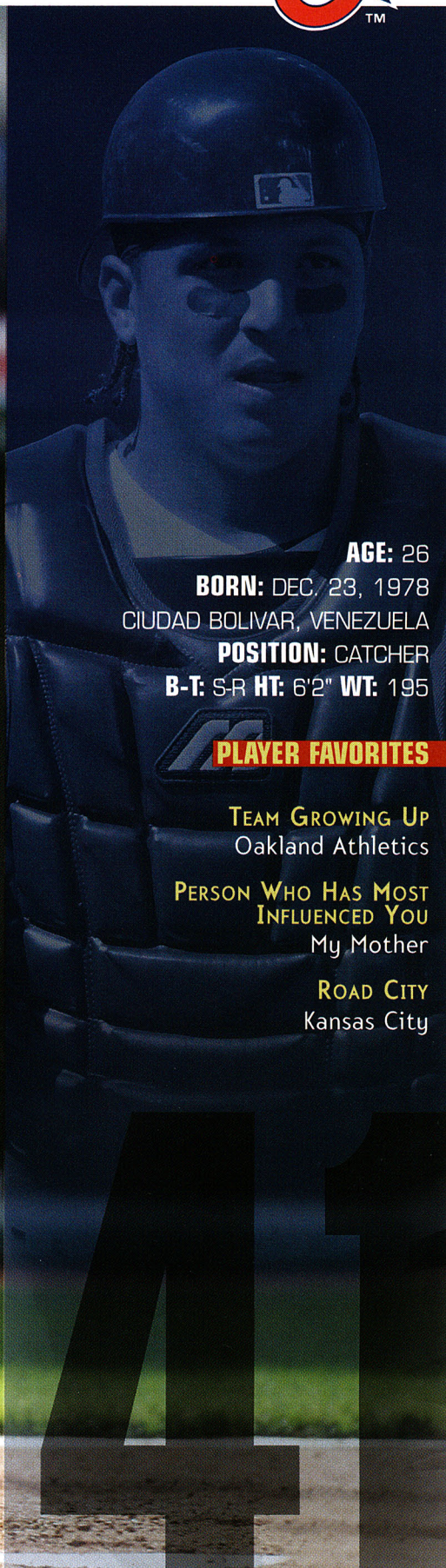
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**POSITION:** CATCHER

**B-T:** S-R **HT:** 6'2" **WT:** 195

**PLAYER FAVORITES**

**TEAM GROWING UP**

Oakland Athletics

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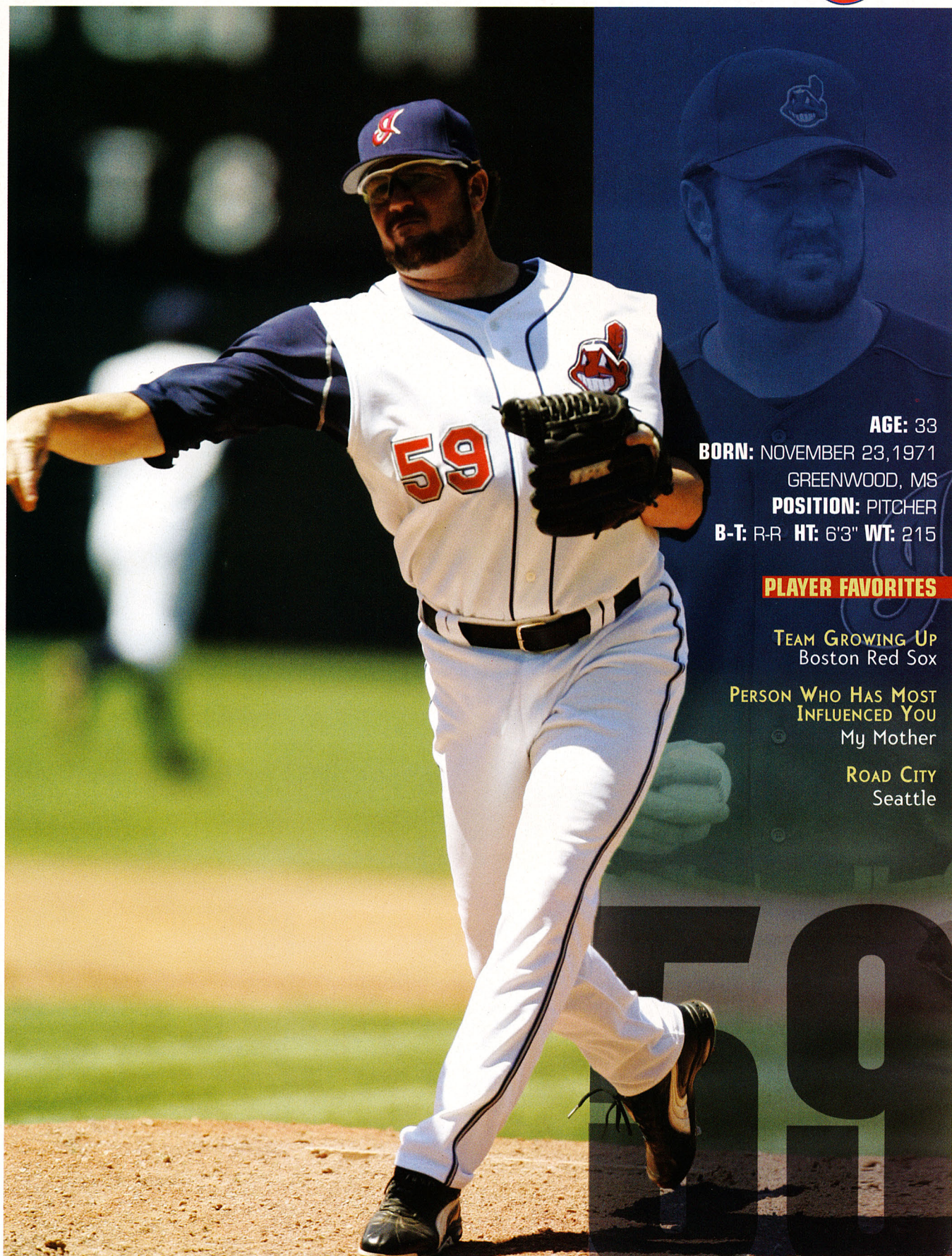
My Mother

**ROAD CITY**

Kansas City

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**AGE:** 33

**BORN:** NOVEMBER 23, 1971

GREENWOOD, MS

**POSITION:** PITCHER

**B-T:** R-R **HT:** 6'3" **WT:** 215

**PLAYER FAVORITES**

**TEAM GROWING UP**

Boston Red Sox

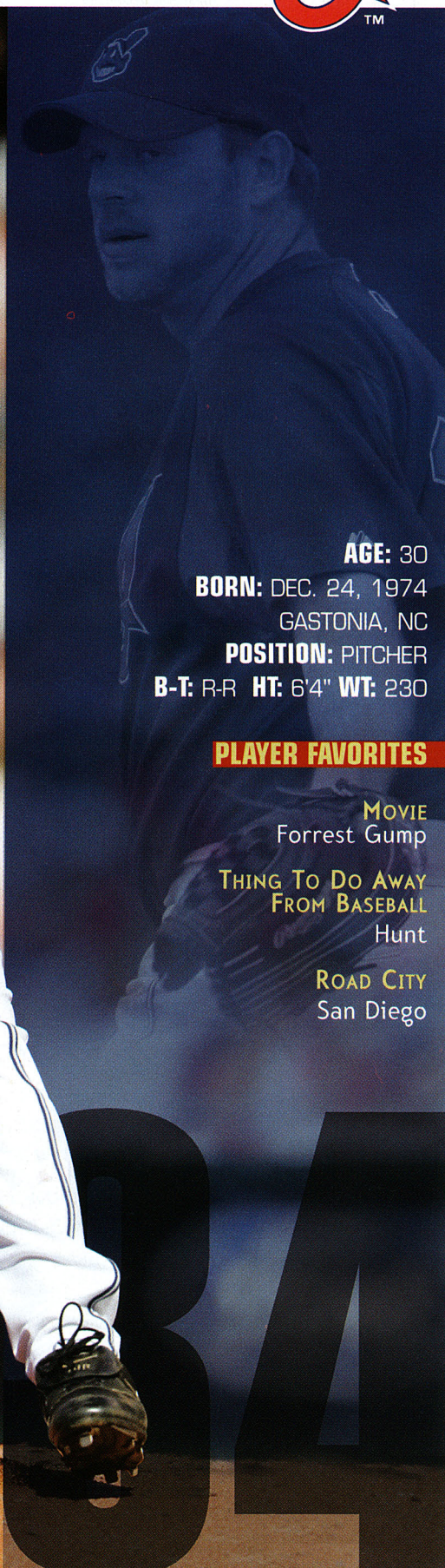
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My Mother

**ROAD CITY**

Seattle





**AGE:** 30

**BORN:** DEC. 24, 1974

GASTONIA, NC

**POSITION:** PITCHER

**B-T:** R-R **HT:** 6'4" **WT:** 230

**PLAYER FAVORITES**

**MOVIE**

Forrest Gump

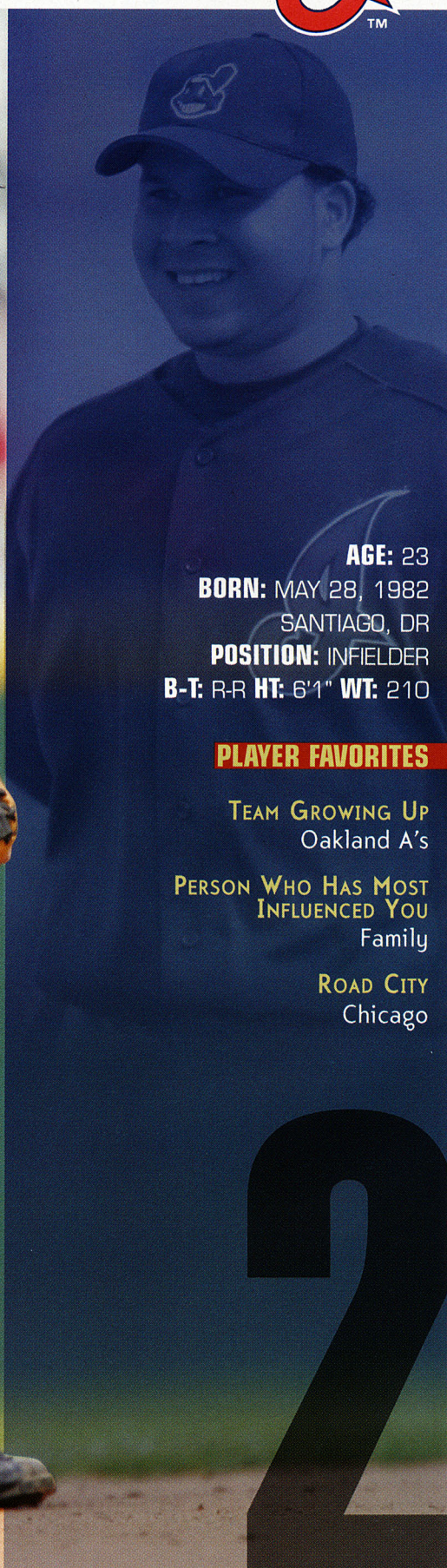
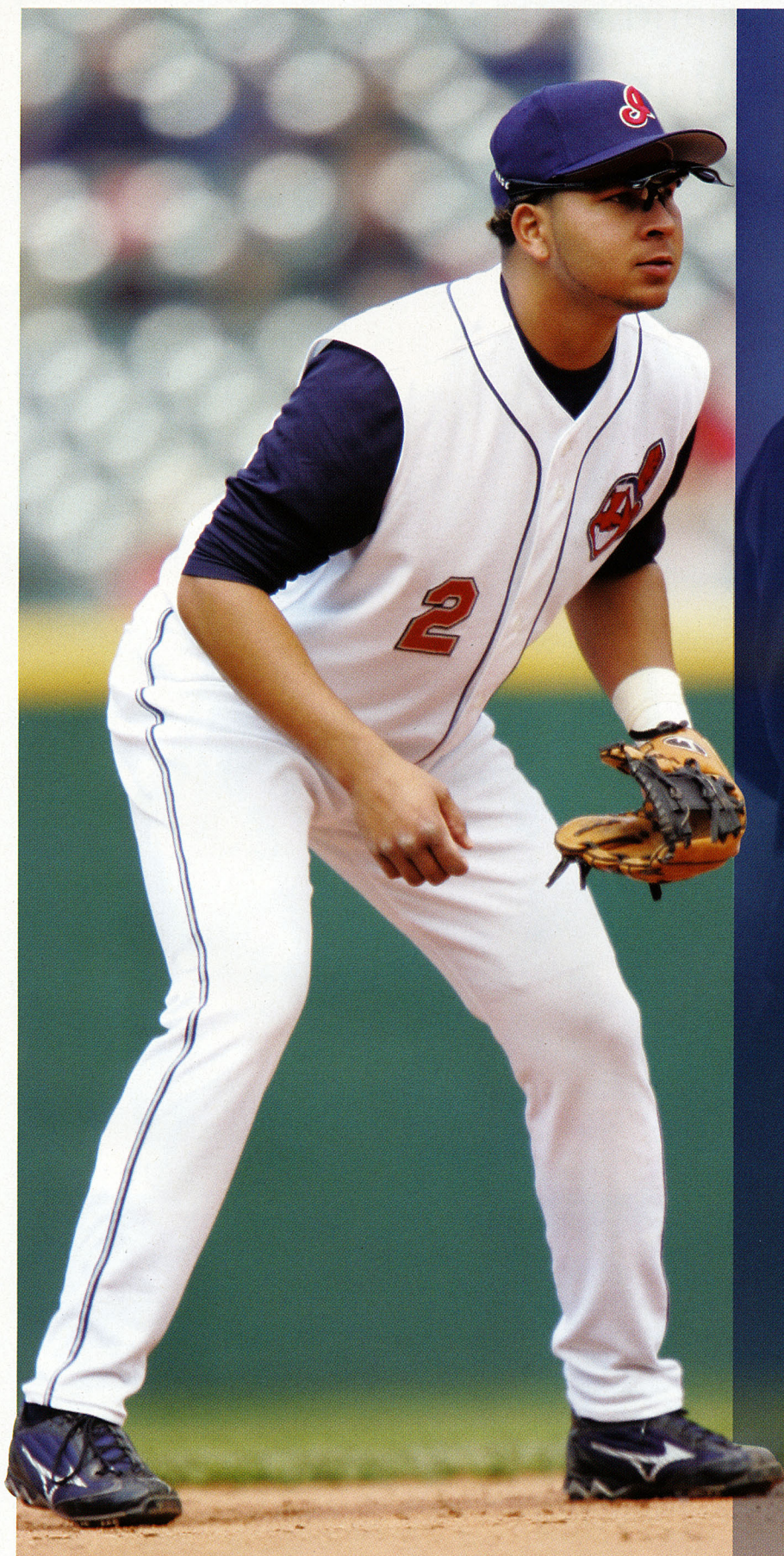
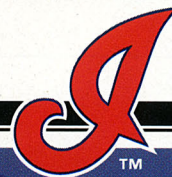
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FROM BASEBALL**

Hunt

**ROAD CITY**

San Diego





**AGE:** 23

**BORN:** MAY 28, 1982  
SANTIAGO, DR

**POSITION:** INFILDER

**B-T:** R-R **HT:** 6'1" **WT:** 210

**PLAYER FAVORITES**

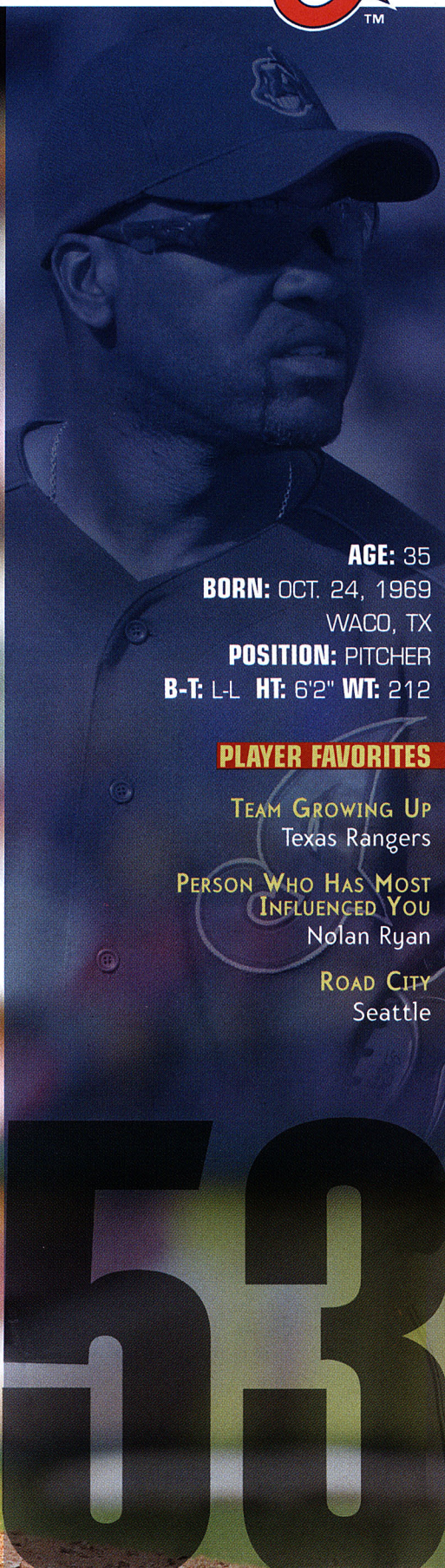
**TEAM GROWING UP**  
Oakland A's

**PERSON WHO HAS MOST  
INFLUENCED YOU**  
Family

**ROAD CITY**  
Chicago

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**AGE:** 35

**BORN:** OCT. 24, 1969

WACO, TX

**POSITION:** PITCHER

**B-T:** L-L **HT:** 6'2" **WT:** 212

**PLAYER FAVORITES**

**TEAM GROWING UP**

Texas Rangers

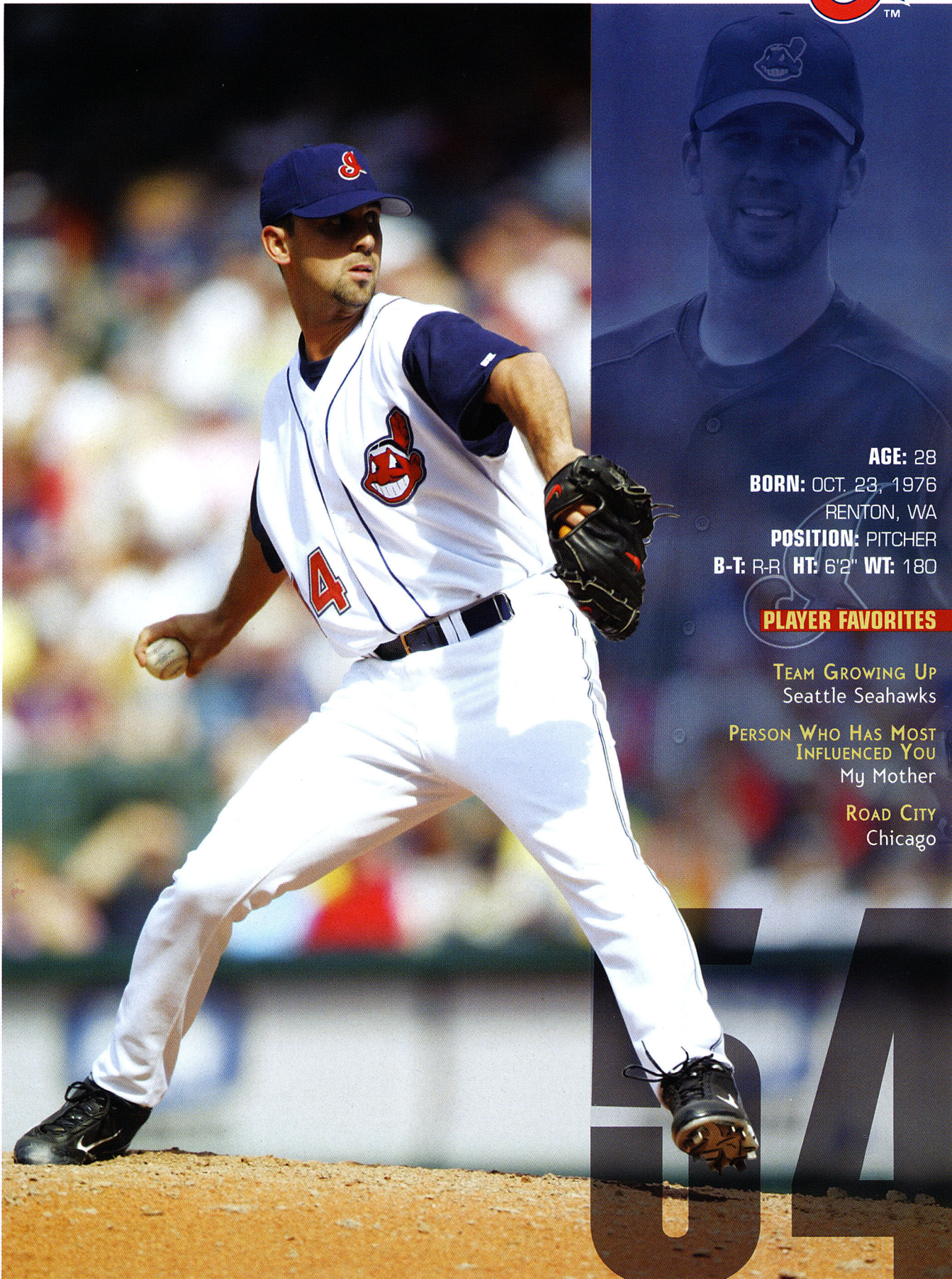
**PERSON WHO HAS MOST  
INFLUENCED YOU**

Nolan Ryan

**ROAD CITY**

Seattle





**AGE:** 28

**BORN:** OCT. 23, 1976

RENTON, WA

**POSITION:** PITCHER

**B-T:** R-R **HT:** 6'2" **WT:** 180

**PLAYER FAVORITES**

**TEAM GROWING UP**

Seattle Seahawks

**PERSON WHO HAS MOST  
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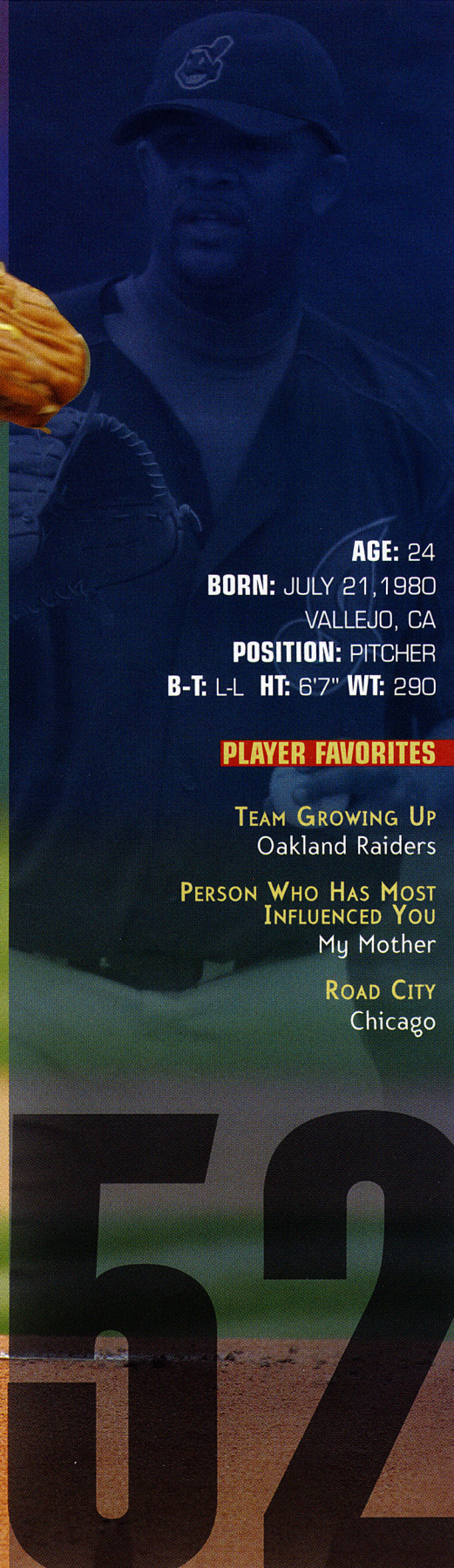
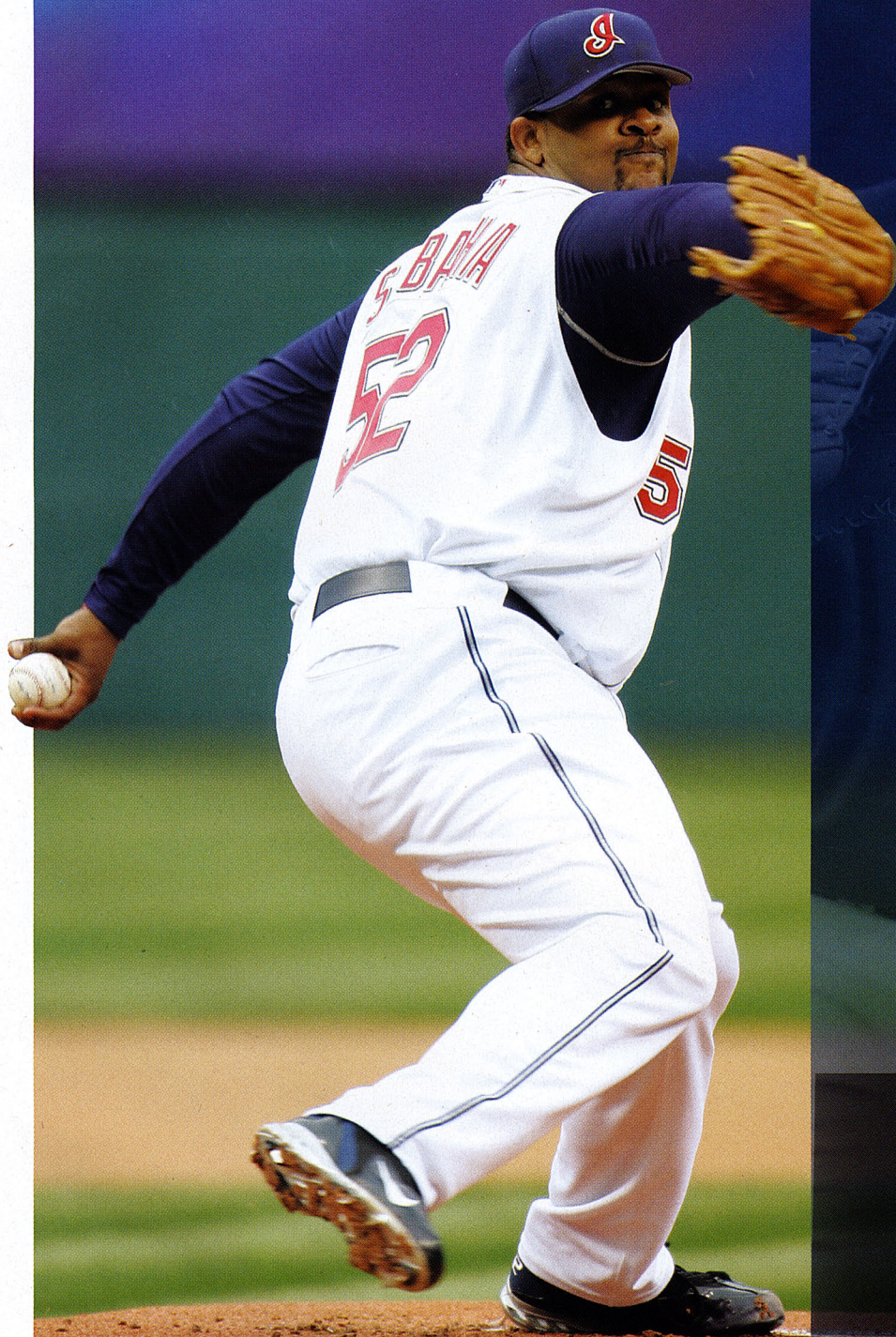
My Mother

**ROAD CITY**

Chicago

64





**AGE:** 24

**BORN:** JULY 21, 1980

VALLEJO, CA

**POSITION:** PITCHER

**B-T:** L-L **HT:** 6'7" **WT:** 290

### PLAYER FAVORITES

**TEAM GROWING UP**

Oakland Raiders

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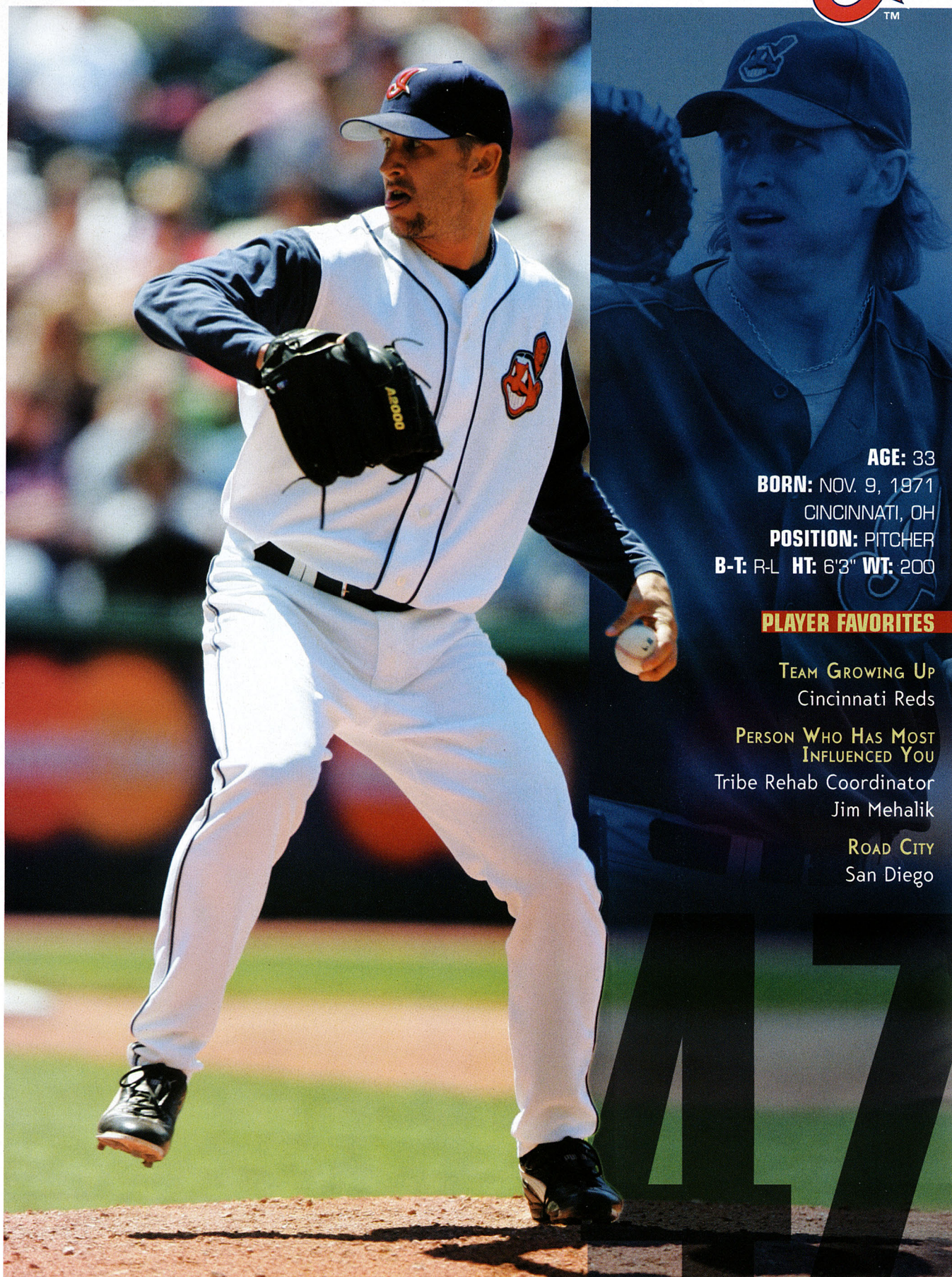
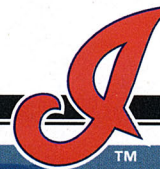
My Mother

**ROAD CITY**

Chicago

52





**AGE:** 33

**BORN:** NOV. 9, 1971

CINCINNATI, OH

**POSITION:** PITCHER

**B-T:** R-L **HT:** 6'3" **WT:** 200

**PLAYER FAVORITES**

**TEAM GROWING UP**

Cincinnati Reds

**PERSON WHO HAS MOST  
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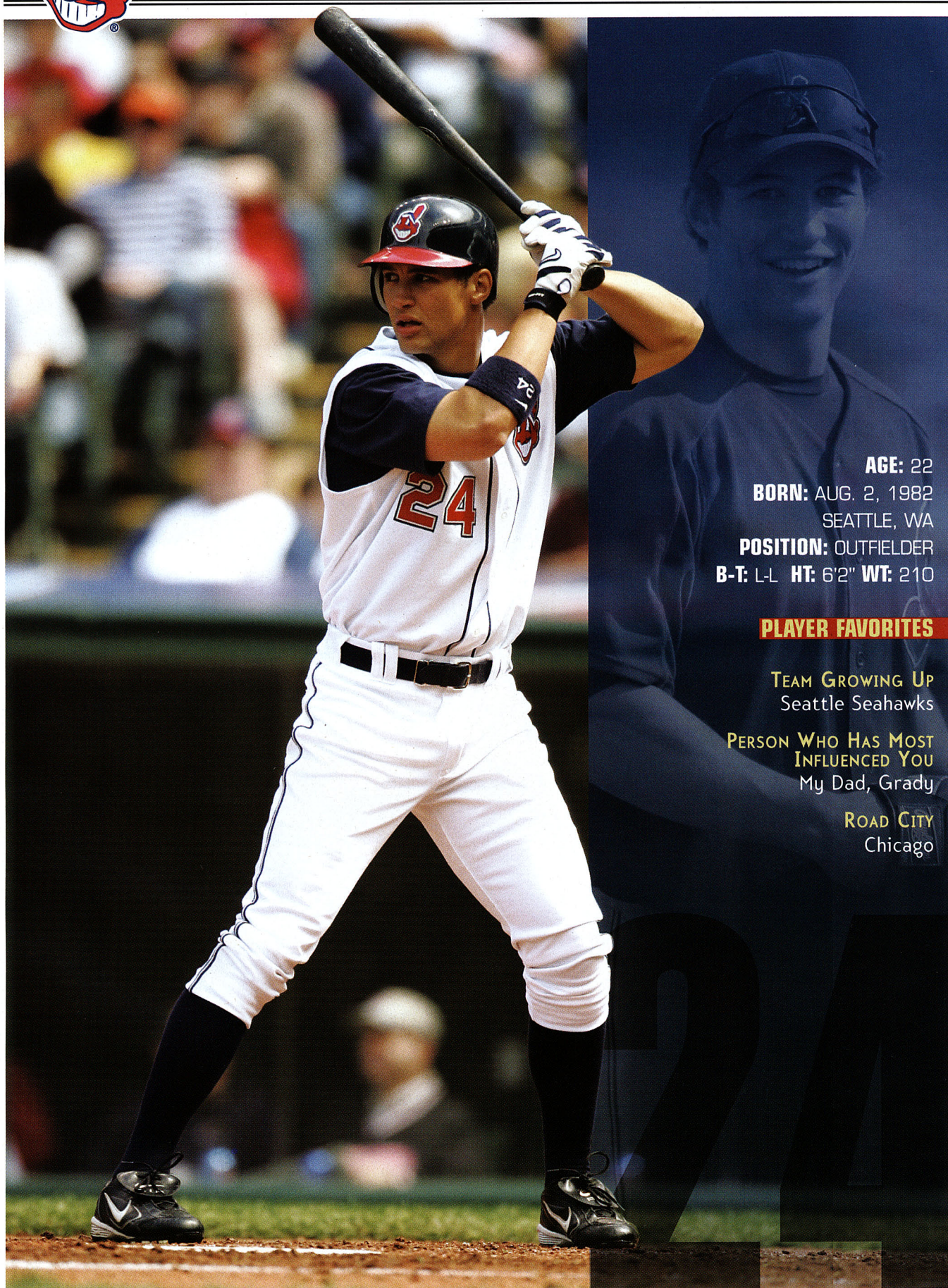
Tribe Rehab Coordinator

Jim Mehalik

**ROAD CITY**

San Diego





**AGE:** 22

**BORN:** AUG. 2, 1982

SEATTLE, WA

**POSITION:** OUTFIELDER

**B-T:** L-L **HT:** 6'2" **WT:** 210

**PLAYER FAVORITES**

**TEAM GROWING UP**

Seattle Seahawks

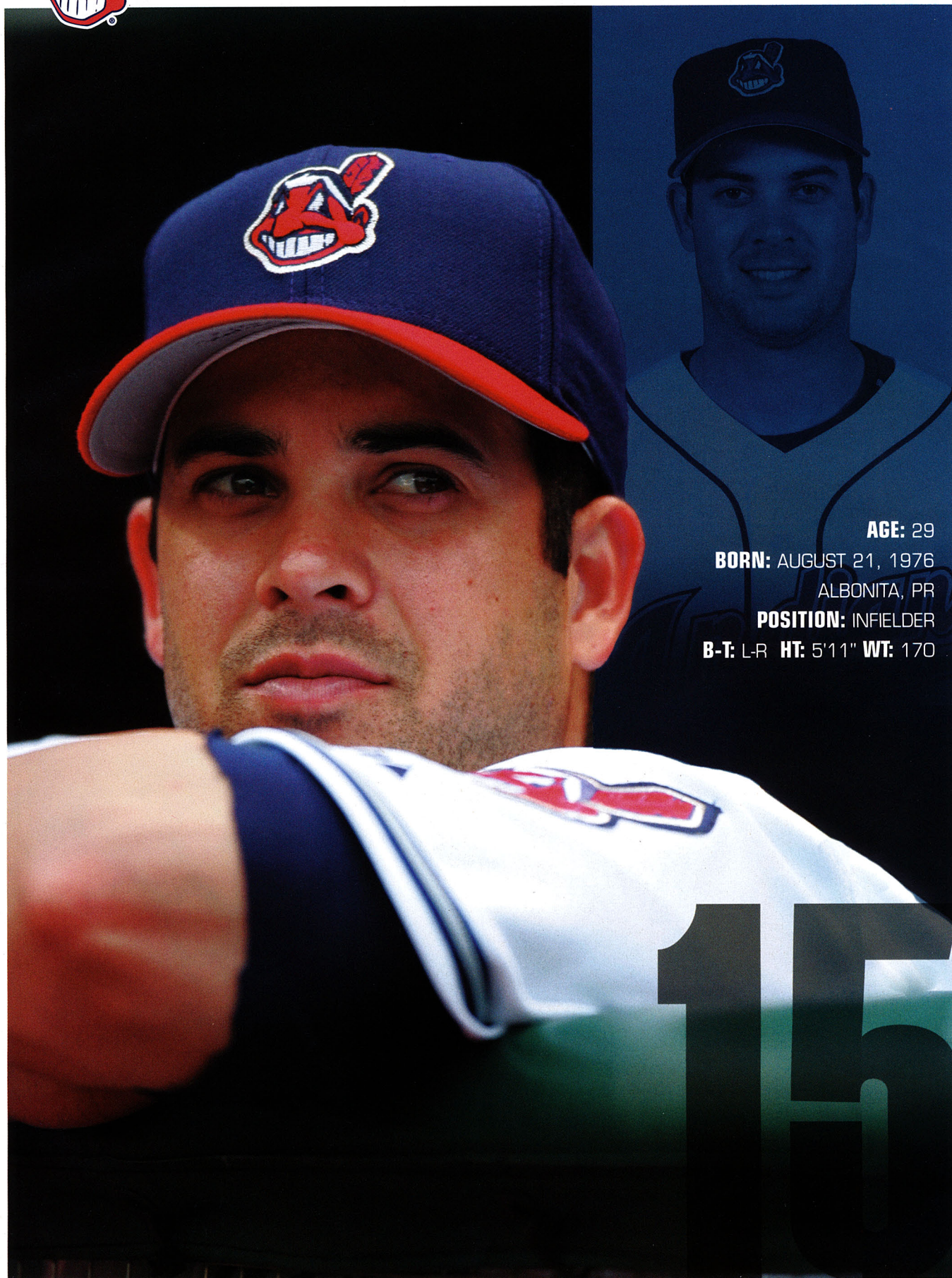
**PERSON WHO HAS MOST  
INFLUENCED YOU**

My Dad, Grady

**ROAD CITY**

Chicago





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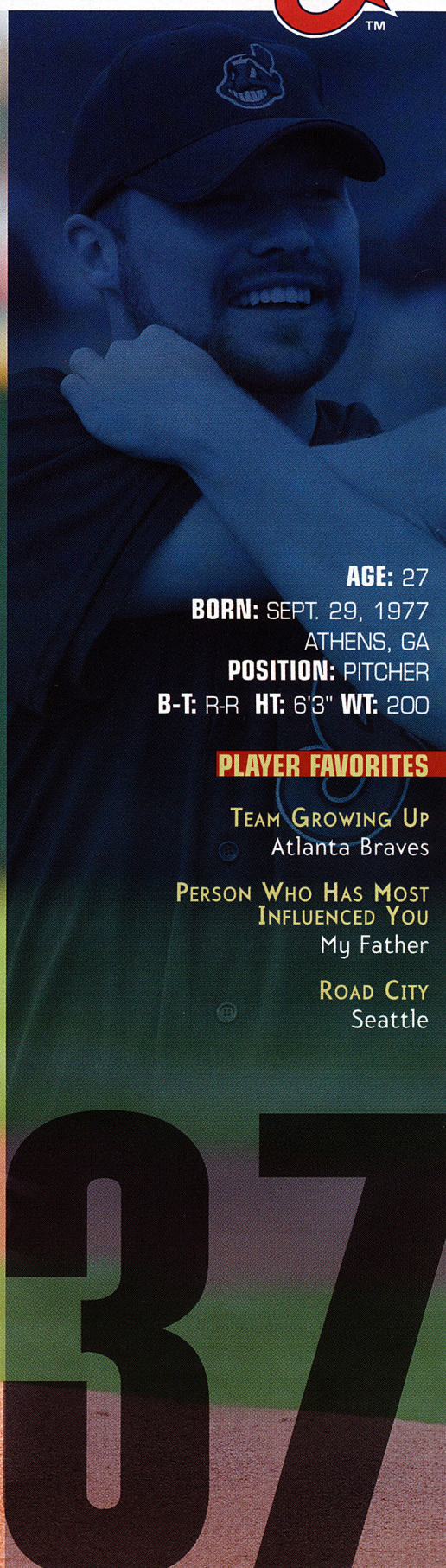
**BORN:** AUGUST 21, 1976

ALBONITA, PR

**POSITION:** INFILDER

**B-T:** L-R **HT:** 5'11" **WT:** 170





**AGE:** 27

**BORN:** SEPT. 29, 1977

ATHENS, GA

**POSITION:** PITCHER

**B-T:** R-R **HT:** 6'3" **WT:** 200

**PLAYER FAVORITES**

**TEAM GROWING UP**

Atlanta Braves

**PERSON WHO HAS MOST  
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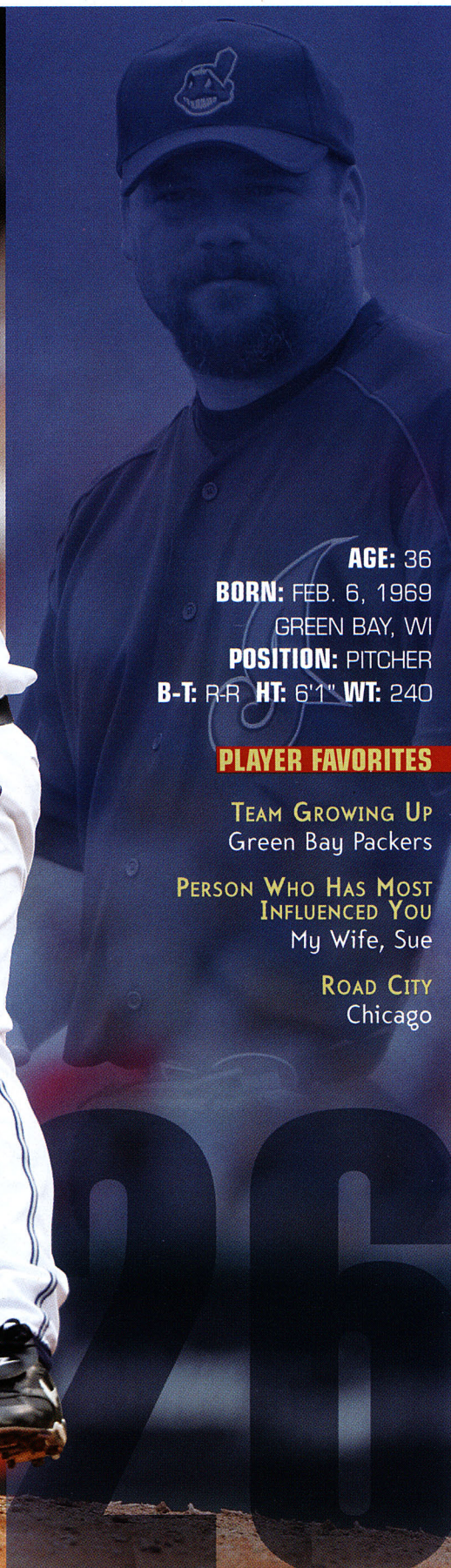
My Father

**ROAD CITY**

Seattle

37





**AGE:** 36

**BORN:** FEB. 6, 1969

GREEN BAY, WI

**POSITION:** PITCHER

**B-T:** R-R **HT:** 6'1" **WT:** 240

**PLAYER FAVORITES**

**TEAM GROWING UP**

Green Bay Packers

**PERSON WHO HAS MOST  
INFLUENCED YOU**

My Wife, Sue

**ROAD CITY**

Chicago



# My Interview with Aaron Boone

By Nikole Carpenter

## Baseball, BOONE & Buddies

All photos: Gregory Drezdson



Everybody wants to be friends with Aaron Boone.

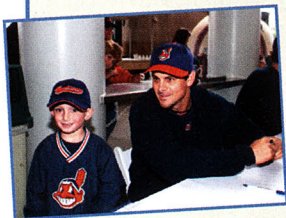
And if you've noticed a group of children at a Saturday afternoon Indians

game sitting close to the third base line, you've seen some of Boone's buddies.

Boone, who was active in the Boys and Girls Club when he lived in California and Cincinnati, wanted to let some youngsters watch baseball here, so "Boone's Buddies" was born this season.

In addition to great seats, free hot dogs and drinks, the 20 children watch the Indians' take batting practice.

Boone visits each boy and girl, talks to them and signs autographs before the game. Each child also receives an autographed bat sponsored by Medical Mutual.



"These are youths who don't have a lot of options and a lot of access to these type of events," says Greg Ash, executive director of the Boys and Girls Club. "Aaron enjoys giving back to young people in a way that is tangible." —Kim Schneider

**M**y experience at Jacob's Field was awesome! I had a blast. Meeting Aaron Boone was so cool. To actually be on the field at the Jake was incredible. I learned many new things about Aaron and his family. I hope to do this again, and I wish the Tribe luck.

**Q: When you were growing up was playing MLB your dream job?**

**A:** Yes, I played baseball, basketball and football growing up. Any one that they would let me keep playing was going to be my dream job and luckily I got keep playing this one.

**Q: Where is your hometown?**

**A:** Southern California, Orange County. Now I live in Arizona.

**Q: What college did you**

**attend and what team drafted you?**

**A:** USC and the Reds drafted me in 1994.

**Q: What's your favorite ballpark to play in when you're on the road?**

**A:** My favorite ballpark — they're all so good now — is Dodger Stadium.

**Q: What's the difference between playing in New York and playing in Cleveland?**

**A:** The amount of media every day. It's just a bigger, more crowded block of people around every single moment of every day. Here it's a little more laid-back. You can hang out in the locker room without someone messing with you the whole time.

**Q: Were you always a third basemen? If you weren't, where did you play?**

**A:** When I was a kid growing up I played shortstop, second base, third base and then when I got to college I played pretty much all third base.

**Q: What brand of glove do you have?**

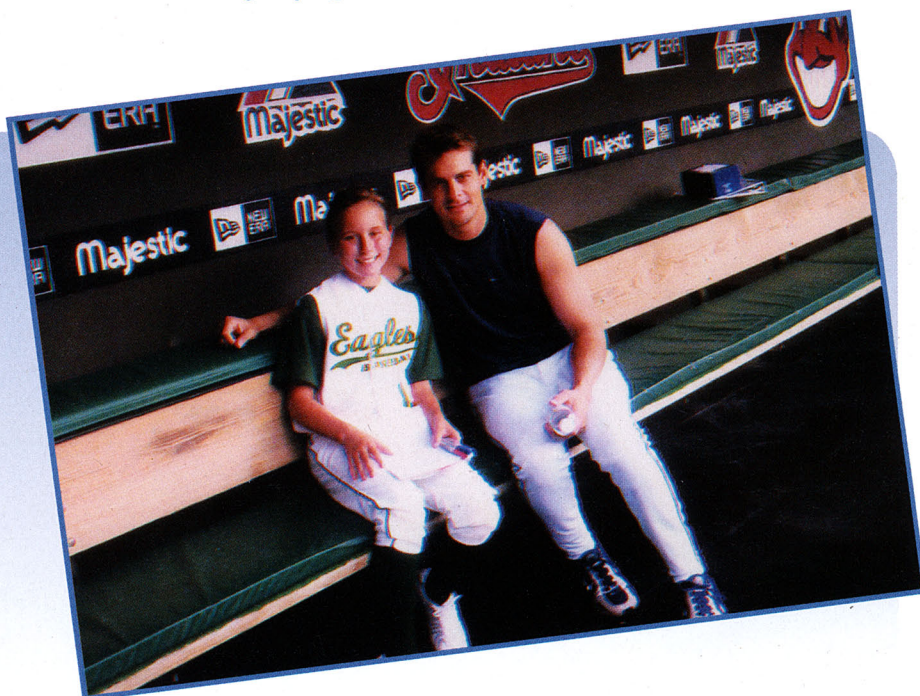
**A:** Louisville.

**Q: How heavy is your bat?**

**A:** About 31.5 ounces.

**Q: Do you think a girl will ever make it to MLB?**

**A:** A girl? Can you throw a knuckleball? In my lifetime, I don't know. It's come a long way. When I was in the Minor Leagues and I would play winter ball in Hawaii there was a girl in the league and she struck me out, so you never know. I think she would be a pitcher though. I think if she had a good knuckleball she'd have a chance.





# ANSWERS!

## BLUE & RED!

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## STARTING LINEUP!

#4 is different  
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are untied)

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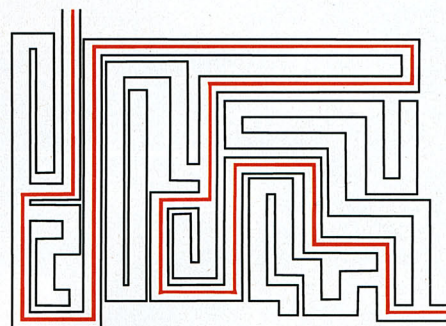


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## 1. PICTURES OF SON

That's my son, Victor Jose. He's just about a year old now. I can't really tell if he likes baseball yet, but he does come to all the games with my wife. He watches for a while and then he kind of falls asleep.

## 2. BATTING GLOVES

I ask all the guys on the team to give me all the stuff they're going to get rid of, and I'll take it back to Venezuela this winter for the kids. Hats, gloves, shoes. Trust me, what's old for us is new for them.

## 3. BOBBLEHEAD

It's a bobblehead of me. I've actually got a whole bunch of them to take back to Venezuela for my family. What they're going to do with them I have no idea.

## 4. GREEN AND YELLOW CLEATS

Those are my cleats for when I play winter ball in Venezuela. The team is Caribes de Oriente, and they basically have the same colors as the Oakland A's, so that's why the shoes are green and yellow.

## 5. SUIT

When we're leaving after a game for a road trip, the team rule is that we have to wear a suit on the plane. While we're on the plane I'm usually playing soccer on my PSP, but at least I look pretty good while I'm playing.

## 6. CATCHER'S MITTS

I've gone through about three or four mitts this year. These pitchers keep breaking my gloves — they all throw too hard.

— Lane Strauss

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